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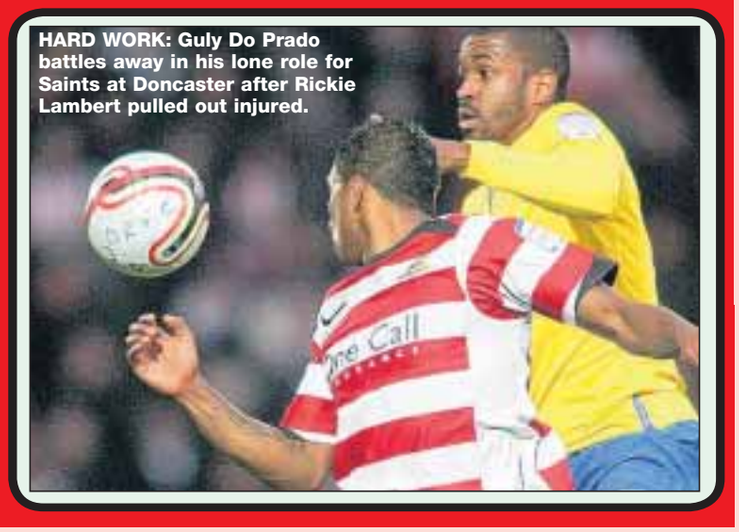


HARD WORK: Guly Do Prado battles away in his lone role for Saints at Doncaster after Rickie Lambert pulled out injured.

TOTTON'S BIG DAY IN FA CUP

LOCAL hero Mark Osman reflects for *The Pink* on his AFC Totton career as he prepares for his hometown club's biggest day.

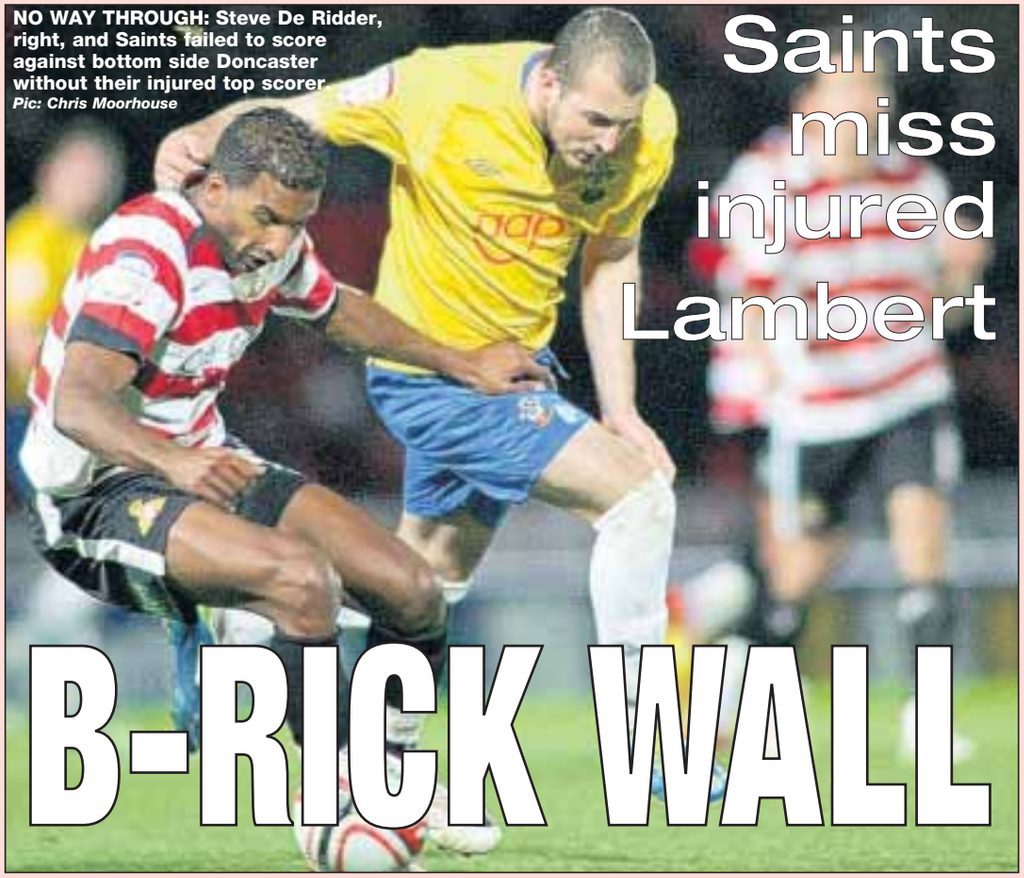
The 29-year-old intends to hang up his boots at the end of the season but the biggest match of his 11-year Stags career kicks off at 12.30pm on Sunday afternoon.

Osman, pictured, who lives in nearby Calmore, is among the strikers jostling for a starting place for the FA Cup second-round tie against League Two Bristol Rovers.

Inside this weekend's Pink he looks back on his Totton career and discusses the impact the FA Cup run has had on the neighbourhood.

He also reveals why his biggest fan has not seen him play since the move across town from Testwood Park to the Testwood Stadium earlier this year.

● Ten pages of AFC Totton v Bristol Rovers previews inside and, in Monday's Daily Echo, the best match report and reaction.



NO WAY THROUGH: Steve De Ridder, right, and Saints failed to score against bottom side Doncaster without their injured top scorer *Pic: Chris Moorhouse*

Saints miss injured Lambert

B-RICK WALL

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DONCASTER 1 SAINTS 0: Lambert injury

SAINTS LEFT CUTTING EDGE

SAINTS suffered another away day defeat as they were beaten 1-0 at Doncaster.

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The game started as top v bottom but didn't go according to form as Billy Sharp, who turned down a move to Saints in the summer, scored the winner on the hour mark.

Saints were missing striker Rickie Lambert and never looked like the same team without him.

However, results around Saints went well meaning there was no dent in their lead at the top.

There was a minute's applause for Gary Speed before kick-off and once the game got underway two things quickly became apparent.

One was that Saints were going to allow Morgan Schneiderlin to sit right in behind Guly Do Prado with Adam Lallana and Steve De Ridder trying to join in from wide areas while Jack Cork and Dean Hammond played deeper holding roles in front of the back four.

The other was that Doncaster looked to be a very tall side compared to Saints which could pose dangers from set pieces.

Doncaster started brightly and had the first half chance as Marc Antoine Fortune flicked on a header to the far post which Herita Ilunga couldn't direct on target.

Former Saints star Simon Gillett was first to get an effort on target with a fierce drive from 25 yards but Kelvin Davis made the save low down to his right.

Saints' first shot was Schneiderlin's deflected one which was comfortable for Carl Ikeme.

Saints were getting good possession of the ball, especially as they effectively had an extra man in midfield.

But Doncaster were not afraid to pour forward given the chance.

Billy Sharp tried his luck but dragged his effort across goal wide of the target before Schneiderlin's attempted lob didn't cause too many problems for Ikeme.

Brian Stock came much closer on 27 minutes as he attempted a first-time right footed shot from the edge of the area as the ball came across his body via a James O'Connor pass from the right but, with Davis beaten, it clipped the outside of the post and went behind.

Schneiderlin had a great chance to put Saints ahead six minutes later as Do Prado's superbly turned the all round the corner to put him in one-on-one but Ikeme stood tall to block his effort from close range at the near post.

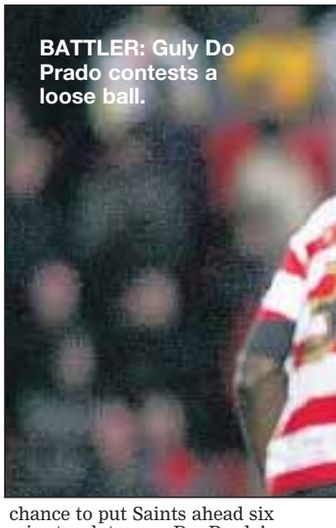
Up the other end Sharp was only denied by a good, late block before Herita Ilung's from the corner was headed off the line by Do Prado.

The Brazilian then fired in a strong shot from outside the area that Ikeme had to turn over the bar.

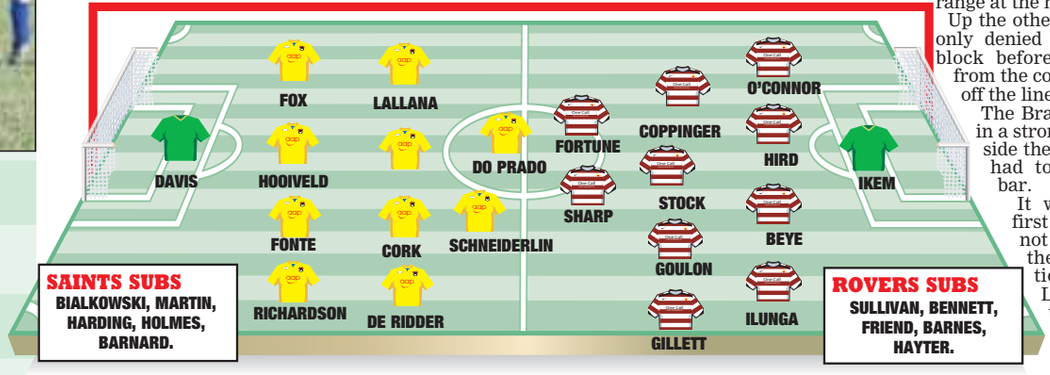
It wasn't a classic first half with Saints not at their best in their new formation and without Lambert but both teams were prepared to attack given half a chance and when the half time whistle went the game was goalless and there for the taking for either side.

Both sides made changes during the break.

For Saints it was tactical as they went to a 4-4-2 with Steve De Ridder up front alongside



BATTLER: Guly Do Prado contests a loose ball.



SAINTS SUBS
BIALKOWSKI, MARTIN, HARDING, HOLMES, BARNARD.

ROVERS SUBS
SULLIVAN, BENNETT, FRIEND, BARNES, HAYTER.

TEAM NEWS

THE big news for Saints was that star striker Rickie Lambert was missing through injury. Lambert, who had only ever missed one previous game through injury since joining the club over two years ago, was sidelined by the hip problem that forced him off during the win over Hull. His absence meant a reshuffle for Nigel Adkins. He opted to play Guly Do Prado as lone striker with Adam Lallana and Steve De Ridder wide, trying to get forward to support whilst Morgan Schneiderlin was given licence to operate in the hole with Dean Hammond and Jack Cork sitting.

Danny Fox came in for Dan Harding at left back.

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Saints Spotlight

proves costly for Adkins' men

WITHOUT OF SHARP

Do Prado and a diamond midfield that saw Schneiderlin in front of the back four, Hammond and Cork in front and Lallana in behind the strikers.

For Doncaster it was a switch in personnel as Giles Barnes came on for Herold Goulon.

Frazer Richardson became the first man in the book for a foul on Barnes.

Doncaster were also playing a diamond midfield and both sides were cancelling each other out as the second half got off to a pretty dull start.

But it came to life on the hour mark as Doncaster took the lead.

A high ball down the right set Fortune away. He didn't look to be going too far with Jose Fonte in close attendance but from the by-line cut a ball back across goal to the far corner of the six yard box where **SHARP** swivelled superbly and fired low into the opposite corner for 1-0.

COME-BACK: Lee Barnard gets in on the action after coming on as sub.

Saints were struggling to respond positively and instead were guilty of giving the ball away cheaply and allowing Doncaster a chance to keep the pressure off themselves in the immediate aftermath of taking the lead.

Adkins made a double change on 72 minutes to try and change the course of the game with Lee Holmes and Lee Barnard replacing De Ridder and Cork.

Barnard went up front to play alongside Do Prado with Holmes on the right side.

A couple of injuries meant the play was broken up and that really didn't suit Saints who desperately wanted to build up some pressure on the Doncaster backline.

In truth, other than the goal there had barely been a chance worthy of the name in the second period and Saints needed to change that to get something from the game.

Barnes tried to make something happen for Doncaster with a shot with the outside of his right foot from 20 yards but it just picked out Davis.

Sam Hird became the first Doncaster player in the book before they made a change on 80 minutes to try to protect the lead with George Friend coming on for Fortune.

As the game entered the final stages Doncaster were sitting very deep, allowing Saints the chance to get the ball and turn the screw.

Do Prado rose highest to meet a Fox corner but glanced a header off target.

Holmes was the next to have a go, cutting in from the right to unleash a left footed shot that went well over the bar.

Doncaster a made final change with three minutes remaining with James Hayter coming on for Sharp before Fonte picked up a yellow card.

When the fourth official held the board up it showed four minutes of added time to be played.

Saints knew they didn't have long to try and get a goal, or indeed create a chance that had eluded them for the whole of the second period and much of the match.

As it turned out they never came close, Barnes with the only real effort for Doncaster, and when the final whistle went it was another defeat on the road.

DANGERMAN: Adam Lallana goes on a run.
Pictures by Chris Moorhouse

Adkins: We have to win more away

NIGEL ADKINS was disappointed to see his side slip to defeat at Doncaster – even though it didn't cost them top spot.

Saints, minus Rickie Lambert, didn't play terribly but weren't quite at their best and came unstuck against a Doncaster side that started the day bottom of the Championship table.

Billy Sharp's goal was the difference between the sides but with West Ham losing Saints are still heading the pack.

Adkins said: "You are going to have high and lows.

"We came away expecting to beat Doncaster when you look at the league table – we were top, they were bottom.

"We prepared well for the game and we've come away trying to get on the front foot, trying to force the issue to score, trying to dominate possession, trying to give ourselves a chance to go and win it.

"We had a lot of set-plays, a couple of opportunities they created with a counter attack and when you look at it the goal we conceded Guly Do Prado in the area, we get a cross in and a lot of players in there and one long clearance, a lapse of concentration at the back and they've got themselves in.

"There was a cross that should have been stopped and a player got himself free and put it in the back of the net.

"From that we have to try and force the issue again to get something from the game."

He added: "We are coming away to win.

"We know we've got to address our away form because if we're going to have the aspirations that we want to get promoted from this division this season we've got to win more games away from home. I'll reflect upon on it but perhaps in our desire to go and win the game the counter attack has cost us."

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SPORTS QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"No, we drunk it all here" - **Shamrock Rovers manager Michael O'Neill, when asked if his side would be taking any of Russia's famous vodka home with them after their Europa League trip to Rubin Kazan.**

"I can assure everyone that this is not a decision I have taken lightly. Sadly results this season have simply not been good enough and I feel the time is right to make a change" - **Sunderland chairman Ellis Short explains the sacking of manager Steve Bruce.**

"It's like Munchausen pulling himself out of the swamp. There's nobody forcing them to do it from outside, it's their own membership within Congress" - **FIFA's new reform chief Mark Pieth praises the organisation's readiness to embrace anti-corruption measures.**

"I don't think it's a demotion at all. One of the ways we failed Rob is not explaining the breadth of what he is trying to do. He has a significant contribution to continue to make" - **Professional Game Board chairman Ian Metcalfe puts Rob Andrew's removal from responsibility with the senior England rugby union team in a positive light.**

STEVE BRUCE

"We've let ourselves down as a sport and as a team. It's important we recognise that and take some action going forward. Standards were below what we expect, we had a number of off-pitch disciplinary matters and that attracted a lot of negative coverage which we regret" - **Rugby Football Union acting chief executive Stephen Brown apologises for England's World Cup performance.**

"My apologies to the Aguilera crowd - Bayonne and Biarritz spectators - to both teams and their staff, to the French League and Federation as well as to the world of rugby in general. I was under pressure and for other reasons, I lost control. I regret my behaviour" - **Lucien Harinordoquy, the father of France number eight Imanol, apologises after wading into an on-pitch fracas involving his son.**

"I tackled [Harinordoquy sr] because he was attacking one of my team-mates. I put him to the ground and [Biarritz hooker] Benoit August told me to stop, because it was Imanol's father" - **Bayonne fly-half Benjamin Boyet recalls his part in the incident.**

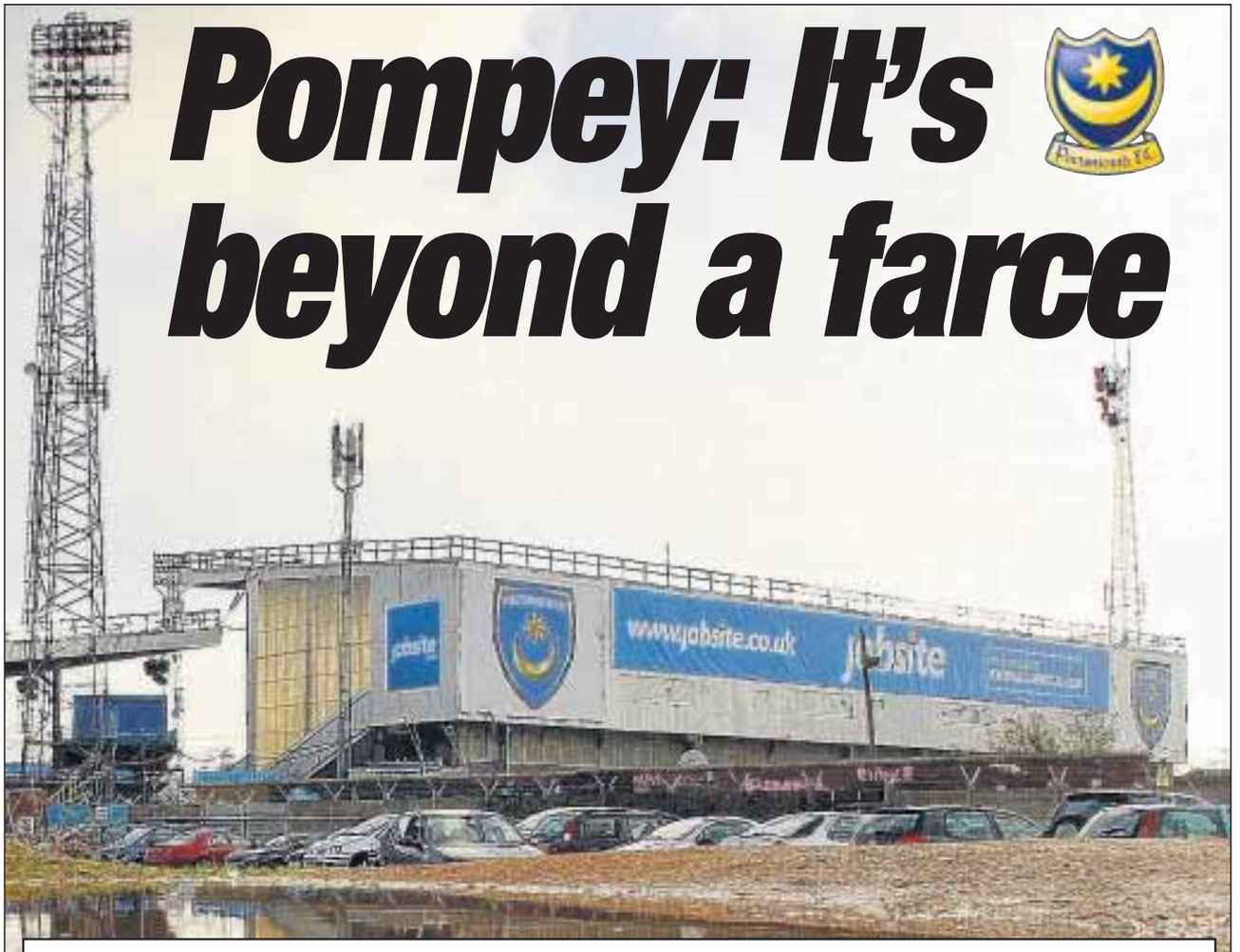
"It is not rocket science. It doesn't matter whether you get a group of death or a group of jelly, if you are going to win it, whoever comes in front of you, you have to beat them" - **Former England player Chris Waddle on death and jelly ahead of the Euro 2012 draw.**

ROB ANDREW

BEAUTIFUL SOUTH

BY DAREN WHEELER

Pompey: It's beyond a farce



ANOTHER week, another scandal.

Just when you think the circus that is Portsmouth Football Club couldn't get any more bizarre and disturbing, another fact comes to light and leaves you, quite frankly, breathless.

The debacle down the M27 seems to defy all logic.

It's as if Pompey live in some sort of bubble and, whilst the rest of the world go about their business, they seem to operate in their own little world.

Probably the most astonishing words uttered on Pompey's latest financial woes came from administrator Andrew Andronikou.

Yes, Andrew Andronikou, the same man who brokered the last administration and came up with yet another controversial owner, is back again.

Quite how the man can be appointed after the last fiasco is beyond me, but he is.

This time the words that come out of his mouth simply defy all reasonable logic.

"I can't see how the club can be deducted points. There's no football debts," he said.

No debts? No debts??

Ask the small businesses who have yet to receive a penny from the club and even had David Lampitt publicly trying to avoid paying them what they were owed as that was the "previous" company.

"The debt and the liability does not lie with the football club," he added.

Well, who does it lie with, David? We'd all love to know…

It now appears that the money that CSI "invested" in Portsmouth may have come from, shall we say, questionable sources?

And yet Andrew Andronikou feels that Pompey will not get a points deduction.

What sort of twisted world do these people live in?

More galling

At what stage do the people associated with Pompey just think "You know, this is wrong, businesses, people, are suffering, perhaps we should do the right thing?"

It's made all the more galling that Saints themselves had suffered a points deduction.

Then, the Saints' parent company, Southampton Leisure Holdings, went into administration and an independent investigation by the Football League found the club and Southampton Leisure Holdings were "inextricably linked as one economic entity".

Yet it seems that Pompey's owners and their dubious finances aren't in the same situation.

When Saints were relegated, we were forced to cut costs and sold our brightest talent to reduce the wage bill,.

At one stage we had almost a team of basically youth players on the pitch, didn't owe anything to anyone, were running in an agreed bank overdraft and only went into admin because Barclays removed the overdraft facility without notice.

Yet, because the Football League deemed the club and Southampton Leisure Holdings inextricably linked, we were hit, quite rightly, with a ten-point deduction.

Surely if CSI were funding Pompey's season then you cannot state, with any honesty, that Pompey and CSI aren't "inextricably linked as one economic entity"?

More importantly, if there is some controversy as the prosecutors in Lithuania want to question Antonov and Baranauskas as part of an investigation into claims involving Snoras Bank, it does throw up some questions as to where the money that has funded Pompey's season has actually come from.

I'm past caring to be honest.

There are times when the scandal and deceit almost becomes so amusing that it's farcical.

Despite evidence to the contrary, I'm not bitter about Portsmouth and the ongoing farce that surrounds it.

My club paid its debts, paid the price and emerged a clean club, devoid of the warring factions that dragged it down.

I can hold my head up high and say I'm proud of my club.

I know many, many Pompey fans, some of whom are best friends.

And it's to them I put this last question.

Are you proud of your club?

If, by some smart flaunting of some obscure regulation, you "get away with it" will you be able to hold your head up high and feel pride in your club?

Or will you feel that, yet again, those that determine the future of your club are yet again dragging the good name of your club into the dirt?

We had it, we lost it, and now we're top of the league and flying high whilst your club is wallowing in the dirt.

If you stand by your club now, in my mind, you're effectively endorsing the shambolic rubbish you've had to put up with these last few years.

Sometimes you have to bite the bullet and suffer the pain to come out the other side.

It'll be hard, it'll be brutal, but trust me…

You'll be a better club for it.

Paine's World

The Saints legend's EXCLUSIVE column on all things football

UNLUCKY THIRTEEN

SIGN OF THE TIMES: Sunderland fans vent their feelings, right, over the loss of their top striker.

Two wins means Steve has to go

THERE must be little Christmas cheer right now for dismissed Sunderland manager Steve Bruce.

His sacking this week follows a dismal run of form that has seen the Black Cats win just two of the 13 league games they have played this season, scoring a miserly 15 goals and also conceding the same number.

On our Monday night football show here in South Africa, I reasoned that Bruce had taken charge of his last game at the Stadium of Light.

The final blow was a 2-1 home loss to fellow strugglers Wigan last Saturday.

I couldn't see Bruce surviving the torrent of abuse that showered down on him from the stands – a situation that would not have been lost on Sunderland chairman Ellis Short.

Last season was one of progress for the team, who, at the turn of the year, were in a rare sixth spot in the Premier League.

Three wins and a draw at the start of 2011 only added to the expectations of bringing European football to Wearside.

Unfortunately, it all then to come to a shuddering halt.

Darren Bent, Sunderland's prolific goalscorer, was enticed away from the club, with the England striker preferring a lucrative move to Aston Villa, in a record £24m deal.

Without him, that decisive cutting edge has gone.

His pace and finishing ability was vital to Sunderland's style of play.

Bent's loss was to be a defining moment for the club, as the rot set in and they lost eight of their next nine league games.

Only a late rally moved them up to the relative safety of tenth position. Bruce had to start all over again in the close season.

The funds he received for the purchase of ten new players, including Old Trafford old boys John O'Shea and Wes Brown, plus Ipswich's young teenage striker Connor Wickham, had been an endorsement of Bruce's judgement.

However, his cause wasn't helped by losing Jordan Henderson to Liverpool.

And the one player who looked like he might provide goals – £14m record buy Asamoah Gyan – was allowed to leave on a season-long loan to United Arab Emirates side Al Ain.

The failure of the manager's signings to make any real progress certainly didn't help Bruce's cause.

Apart from O'Shea and Brown, the £5m paid to Birmingham for central midfielder Craig Gardner has so far been a complete flop.

As well as Bent's departure, Short's decision to remove Niall Quinn as chairman in October, allowing him to assume the role himself, was perhaps an early warning for the manager.

Bruce has now become the first Premier League manager to be fired this season, and the hunt for a new leader is already up and running.

Depending on which newspaper you read, it would appear the two outstanding candidates are Mark Hughes and Martin O'Neill.

According to some reports at the time of writing this, O'Neill had already agreed to accept the position.

Ever since walking out of Aston Villa 12 months ago, he has been repeatedly linked with high profile teams, and is the bookies' favourites to join Sunderland.

Aged 59, he was an inspirational player at Nottingham Forest under Brian Clough, and gained his own managerial reputation first at Wycombe, before outstanding spells at Leicester and Celtic marked him down as a boss with a big future.

He joined Aston Villa in 2006, and led the Midlands side to three straight top six finishes in the Premier League, as well as a Carling Cup final, before resigning at the start of the 2010/11 season.

The Black Cats, who are 16th and just two points above the relegation zone, are a big club in the North East. And, with attendances averaging around the 40,000 mark, I don't think it is unreasonable for their supporters to expect a much bigger improvement in their fortunes before the season ends.

The away match on Sunday at Wolverhampton Wanderers is a massive game, with Wolves themselves in trouble, just one place below Sunderland, in 17th spot.

NOT MUCH TO SMILE AT: Sunderland owner Ellis Short (left), Chairman Niall Quinn (centre) and manager Steve Bruce in discussions.

Blackburn fans are suffering

ANOTHER top-flight manager under pressure is Blackburn's Steve Kean.

Rovers are bottom of the Premier League with just one win and seven points from 13 games.

To make matters worse, they were this week knocked out of the Carling Cup by Cardiff, losing 2-0 in the quarter-finals.

If that result was not bad enough on its own for the suffering Blackburn fans, it was reported that Kean, right, suggested he had "forfeited" the match in an effort to concentrate on Premier League survival.

I wonder how the travelling Blackburn fans would have felt about that comment?

Kean, already reeling from supporter demonstrations, has done himself no favours.

Instead of alienating the fanbase, he should be trying to bring stability to the team and the supporters.

One way to have helped achieve that would have been to play his first XI against Cardiff and try to get a win that would have moved them on to the semis and maybe even the final.

I'm sure all of Blackburn's supporters would have loved a trip to London in February for a Carling Cup final at the new Wembley.

Saints v Totton? – yes please

I WISH everyone at AFC Totton all the luck in the world for their big FA Cup clash with Bristol Rovers this weekend.

Totton have had a great run to get into the second round proper, and it is absolutely brilliant to see them going so well.

It must be a tremendous boost to the club and their supporters.

I will be keeping my fingers crossed for them on Sunday and hoping they get through.

Who knows? If they win, they might end up drawing Southampton in the third round…and what a game that would be.

Saints Spotlight

SAINTS' FIRST TEAM FIXTURES AND RESULTS 2011/12

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AUGUST															
Sat 6 Leeds . . . . . H	**W 3-1**	Davis	Richardson	Fonte	Martin	Harding	Do Prado**	**Hammond*** 1**	Cork	**Lallana 1**	Lambert	**Connolly* 1**	De Ridder*	Chaplow**	Schneiderlin***
Tues 9 Torquay (CC1). . . . . H	**W 4-1**	Bialkowski	Butterfield	Seaborne	Martin	Dickson	**De Ridder** 1**	**Chaplow 1**	Schneiderlin	Holmes*	**Lambert 1**	Do Prado***	Lallana*	Hammond**	**Forte*** 1**
Sat 13 Barnsley . . . . . A	**W 1-0**	Davis	Richardson	Fonte	Seaborne	Harding	Do Prado*	Hammond	Cork	Lallana***	Lambert	**Connolly** 1**	Chaplow*	De Ridder**	Schneiderlin***
Tues 16 Ipswich . . . . . A	**W 5-2**	Davis	Richardson	Fonte	Seaborne	Harding	Do Prado*	Hammond	Cork	**Lallana*** 2**	**Lambert 2**	**Connolly** 1**	Schneiderlin*	Fox**	De Ridder***
Sat 20 Millwall . . . . . H	**W 1-0**	Davis	Richardson	Fonte	Seaborne	Harding	**Do Prado 1**	Hammond*	Cork	Lallana**	Lambert	Connolly***	Schneiderlin*	Fox**	De Ridder***
Sat 27 Leicester . . . . . A	**L 2-3**	Davis	Richardson*	Fonte	Seaborne	**Harding*** 1**	Do Prado**	Hammond	Cork	Lallana	Lambert	**Connolly 1**	Schneiderlin*	De Ridder**	Fox***
Tues 30 Swindon (CC2). . . . . A	**W 3-1**	Bialkowski	Richardson	Seaborne	Martin	Harding	Holmes**	Schneiderlin	Cork	Lallana	**Forte* 1**	**Do Prado*** 1**	**Lambert* 1**	Hammond**	Hoskins***
SEPTEMBER															
Sat 10 Nottm Forest . . . . . H	**W 3-2**	Davis	Cork	Fonte	Hooiveld	Fox	Do Prado*	Hammond	Hammond	Lallana	**Lambert 3**	Connolly**	Chaplow*	De Ridder**	
Sun 18 Birmingham . . . . . H	**W 4-1**	Davis	Richardson	Fonte	Hooiveld	Fox	**Do Prado* 1**	Hammond	Cork**	**Lallana*** 1**	**Lambert 1**	Connolly	**Chaplow* 1**	Schneiderlin**	De Ridder***
Wed 21 Preston (CC3) . . . . . H	**W 2-1**	Bialkowski	Butterfield	Martin	**Hooiveld** 1**	Dickson	De Ridder*	Schneiderlin	Chaplow	Holmes	Reeves	Forte***	**Lallana* 1**	Fonte**	Lambert***
Sat 24 Burnley . . . . . A	**D 1-1**	Davis	Richardson	Fonte	Hooiveld	Fox	Do Prado*	Hammond***	Cork	Lallana	Lambert	Connolly	Chaplow*	**Schneiderlin** 1**	
Wed 28 Cardiff . . . . . A	**L 1-2**	Davis	Richardson	Fonte	Hooiveld	Fox	Do Prado	Schneiderlin	Cork**	Lallana	Lambert	Connolly*	**De Ridder* 1**	Chaplow**	
OCTOBER															
Sat 1 Watford . . . . . H	**W 4-0**	Davis	Richardson	Fonte	Hooiveld	Fox	De Ridder*	Hammond	Cork**	Lallana***	**Lambert 2**	**Do Prado 1**	Chaplow*	Schneiderlin**	**Holmes*** 1**
Sat 15 Derby . . . . . A	**D 1-1**	Davis	Richardson**	Fonte	Hooiveld	Fox	Do Prado***	Schneiderlin	Cork	Chaplow*	**Lambert 1**	Connolly	De Ridder*	Hammond**	Harding***
Tues 18 West Ham. . . . . H	**W 1-0**	Davis	Richardson	Fonte	**Hooiveld 1**	Fox	Do Prado***	Hammond	Schneiderlin	Chaplow*	Lambert	Connolly**	Harding*	Cork**	De Ridder***
Sat 22 Reading . . . . . A	**D 1-1**	Davis	Richardson	Fonte*	Hooiveld	Fox	Do Prado***	Hammond	Cork	Chaplow	Lambert	Connolly**	Martin*	**De Ridder** 1**	Schneiderlin***
Tues 25 Crystal Palace (CC4) . . A	**L 0-2**	Bialkowski	Butterfield	Martin	Cork	Harding	De Ridder	Ward-Prowse	Schneiderlin	Holmes**	Reeves***	Forte*	Barnard*	Lambert**	Do Prado***
Sat 29 Middlesbrough . . . . . H	**W 3-0**	Davis	Butterfield	Fonte	Hooiveld	Fox	Chaplow	Hammond***	Cork	Lallana**	Lambert	**Do Prado* 2**	**Connolly* 1**	Schneiderlin**	De Ridder***
NOVEMBER															
Tues 1 Peterborough . . . . . H	**W 2-1**	Davis	Richardson	Fonte	**Hooiveld 1**	Harding	**Chaplow*** 1**	Hammond	Schneiderlin	Lallana**	Lambert	Do Prado*	De Ridder*	Connolly**	Cork***
Sat 5 Coventry . . . . . A	**W 4-2**	Davis	Richardson	Fonte	Hooiveld	Fox	**Chaplow* 1**	Cork	Schneiderlin	**Lallana** 1**	Lambert	**Do Prado*** 1**	Hammond*	**De Ridder** 1**	Connolly***
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Gordon Watson on the line

FORMER Saints striker Gordon Watson is working on a new TV project with former Talksport presenter Mike Parry that could revolutionise the traditional football phone-in.

Sports Tonight Live is a twist on the kind of interactive football show that Parry made his name presenting on the radio.

But rather than simply interacting with fans and pundits on the phone, this new medium sees people in the flesh, via the wonders of a webcam.

It means the show is a visual as well as an audio medium, lending itself to the TV and Internet.

The channel, which is broadcast on the Freeview HD platform on channel 112HD and online at sportstonightlive.com, now boasts a range of shows but the highest profile is the one Parry presents every weekday evening and on weekend afternoons.

He is generally joined by a guest in the studio – with the likes of Watson, ex-Saint Perry Groves, Clive Allen, Romsey-born Nigel Spackman, Leory Rosenior and one-time Cherries striker Luther Blissett on the regular guest roster – and then other pundits and fans call in to interact via their webcams and are shown on a large screen in the studio.

Parry explained: "We want to be the fans' station, there for the fans to talk about football and watch it with them and for them.

"I did phone-ins for Talksport for ten years and that was great, but it struck me most people now have access to a webcam, whether it be via their mobile phone, an iPad or a laptop.

"They are very common and this just gives it another twist.

"Gordon is a fantastic person to have on board as well. He is very knowledgeable on football, has had a very colourful life and comes across very well.

"Throughout my broadcasting career I've always wanted to work with people with whom you have a genuine chemistry and Gordon is one of those."

PASSION: Gordon Watson during his Saints playing days.

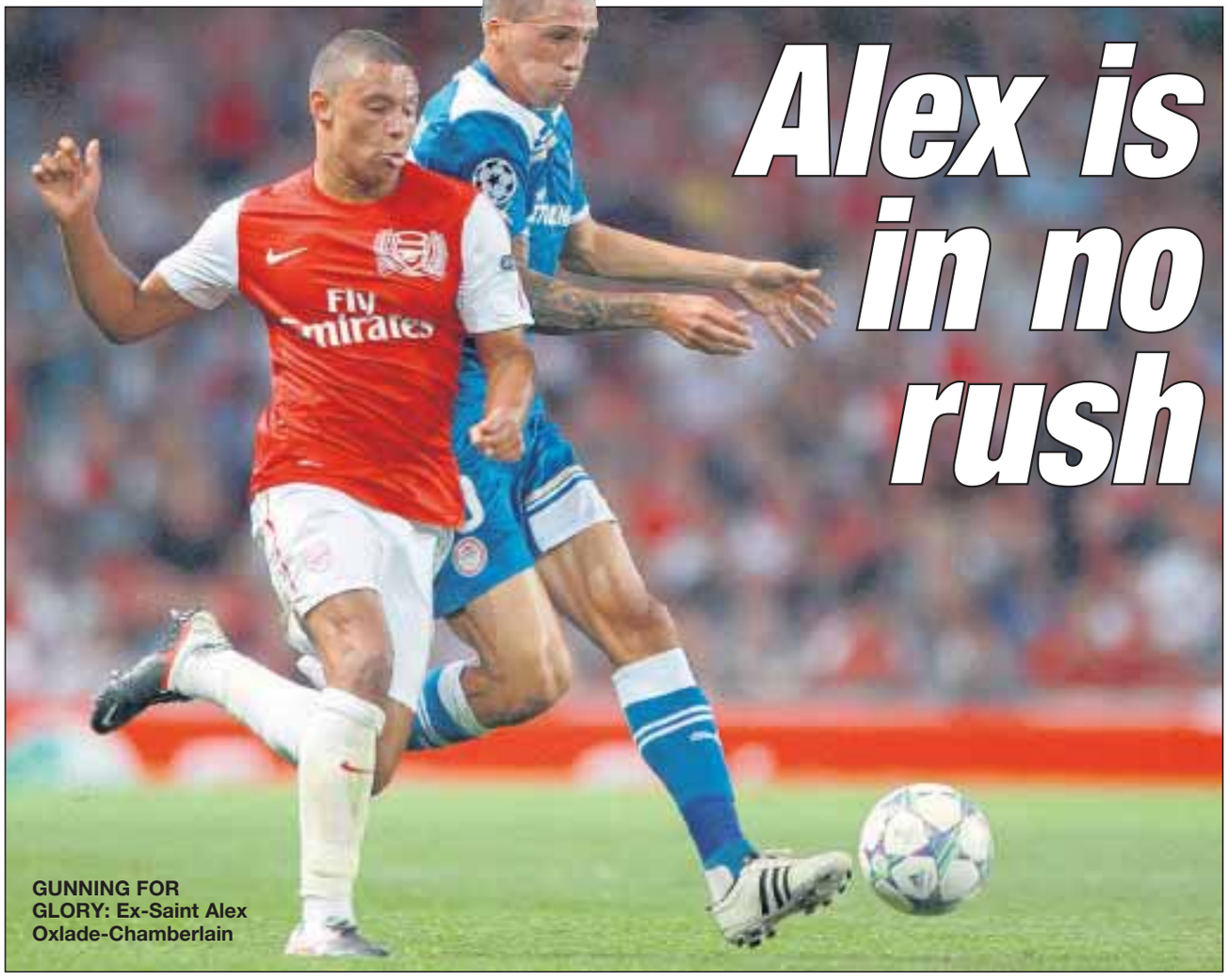
	LA	LG	CA	CG	CSA	CSG
KELVIN DAVIS	19	0	0	0	243	0
BARTOSZ BIALKOWSKI	0	0	4	0	35(1)	0
TOMMY FORECAST	0	0	0	0	0	0
DANNY BUTTERFIELD	1	0	3	0	39(3)	0
FRAZER RICHARDSON	17	0	1	0	35(7)	0
DAN HARDING	7(2)	1	2	0	96(5)	4
RYAN DICKSON	0	0	2	0	19(10)	1
BEN REEVES	0	0	2	0	2	0
JOSE FONTE	19	0	0(1)	0	87(1)	7
RADHI JAIDI	0	0	0	0	63(1)	4
AARON MARTIN	1(1)	0	4	0	13(5)	0
DAN SEABORNE	4	0	2	0	35(15)	0

	LA	LG	CA	CG	CSA	CSG
STEVE DE RIDDER	1(17)	3	3	1	4(17)	4
RICHARD CHAPLOW	8(7)	3	2	1	50(13)	10
DEAN HAMMOND	16(2)	1	0(2)	0	106(5)	11
JACK CORK	17(2)	0	2	0	43(3)	0
MORGAN SCHNEIDERLIN	7(12)	1	4	0	102(27)	2
ADAM LALLANA	16	6	1(2)	1	142(20)	39
LEE HOLMES	0(2)	1	4	0	19(16)	3
RICKIE LAMBERT	19	12	1(2)	2	120(5)	71
LEE BARNARD	0(3)	0	0	0	44(22)	24
GULY DO PRADO	19	7	2	1	47(12)	19
DAVID CONNOLLY	12(3)	5	0	0	30(23)	16
JONATHAN FORTE	0	0	3(1)	2	5(9)	4

	LA	LG	CA	CG	CSA	CSG
RYAN DOBLE	0	0	0	0	0	0
DANNY FOX	12(3)	0	0	0	12(3)	0
JOS HOOIVLED	14	2	1	1	15	3
JAMES WARD-PROWSE	0	0	1	0	1	0
SAM HOSKINS	0	0	0(1)	0	0(1)	0

KEY: LA: league appearances. LG: league goals. CA: cup appearances. CG: cup goals. CSA: career Saints appearances. CSG: career Saints goals.

Premiership Spotlight



Alex is in no rush

GUNNING FOR GLORY: Ex-Saint Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain

ALEX Oxlade-Chamberlain is hungry for more Arsenal first-team action – but is in no rush to fast-track his progress.

The 18-year-old former Saints starlet produced another all-action display in this week's 1-0 Carling Cup quarter-final defeat to Manchester City at Emirates Stadium.

So far, Arsene Wenger has been conservative with the use of the £10million summer signing from Saints, who scored on his Champions League debut against Olympiacos in September.

However, Oxlade-Chamberlain has yet to start in the Barclays Premier League, his only appearance to date coming as a substitute in the 8-2 mauling at Manchester United in late August. The teenager, though, knows his time will come.

"I have learned a lot since I came here," he said.

"The next step for me is to push on into the squad, if I did not want to do that, then there is something wrong because you have got to want to play football.

"However, at the same time, though, there is no rush.

"I trust the boss to progress me in the best way, he is a top man, very intelligent and I will work with him as much as he will work with me."

Oxlade-Chamberlain added: "When I came here, I did not thing I was going to jump into the squad straight away.

"I would have been naive to think that. But just being able to train with these players every day, listening to the manager and just being around Arsenal Football Club, I have learned so much since I have come here.

"All I can do is try my best to impress when I have got my chance. I just have to keep working hard and improving."

WENGER

While Oxlade-Chamberlain feels he is a "completely different" player to Theo Walcott, the comparisons are easy as both pacy youngsters arrived at a similar age from Saints with big expectations.

It has been suggested all-action midfielder Oxlade-Chamberlain could even be a wildcard pick for England's Euro 2012 squad, much as Walcott had been for Sven-Goran Eriksson's ill-fated 2006 World Cup campaign.

Oxlade-Chamberlain, however, maintains he does not read too much into such speculation.

"I am not in the senior squad, I am in the Under-21s and the way I see it we go away in February with the Under-21s and that is my focus," he said.

"I have a lot of impressing to do at Arsenal before I think about going away with England in the summer.

"But if people are saying that, it is quite flattering to know you are being considered.

"My focus, though, is here at Arsenal, trying to get into the squad."

Tribute to Gary

THERE were emotional scenes inside and outside Elland Road on Saturday as thousands of fans remembered Leeds favourite Gary Speed.

The clash with Millwall was the first home match at Leeds since Speed's death last weekend.

Outside the main stand hundreds of fans ringed the shrine which has built-up in the last seven days in memory of the midfielder.

Thousands of shirts, scarves and other memorabilia have been draped around the statute of Leeds legend Billy Bremner and at other grounds such as Newcastle's St James' Park, pictured left.

Many were in tears as they massed in a circle around the Leeds statue in silence.

Sports Quiz

1 Who scored the winning goal in last season's Carling Cup final?
2 Which rugby union club does former England captain Lewis Moody play for?
3 Which version of the world heavyweight title did David Haye hold?
4 Who did Kim Clijsters beat in the Australian Open final?
5 Where are the 2014 Commonwealth Games being held?
6 Manchester City midfielder Vincent Kompany begin his career at which club?
7 In which two races this year did Formula One world champion Sebastian Vettel fail to finish on the podium?
8 Who lost out to Queensland Reds in the 2010 Super 15 final?
9 Who is the coach of Super League side Huddersfield?
10 In which year did Graeme Dott win snooker's World Championship?
11 McDiarmid Park is the home of which Scottish football team?
12 With which team did Rubens Barrichello make his Formula One debut in 1993?
13 Which NFL team boasts the last surviving unbeaten record in the 2011 season?
14 Rally driver Mikko Hirvonen will race for which manufacturer in the WRC next season?
15 Britain's Kat Driscoll is the world number one in which sport?
16 At which npower League Two club did former Sunderland manager Steve Bruce begin his professional career?
17 Which Aviva Premiership side plays its home games at Sandy Park?
18 How many times has snooker player Steve Davis won the UK Championship?
19 Kohei Uchimura competes for Japan in which Olympic sport?
20 Who is the current captain of the Bangladesh national cricket team?
21 Former Scotland football manager Berti Vogts is now in charge of which country?
22 Which colour jersey did Mark Cavendish win at this year's Tour de France?
23 Which golf course will host next year's Open Championship?
24 Batsman Tom Maynard plays for which English county?
25 Football club Corinthians are from which South American city?

ANSWERS

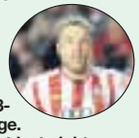
1. Obafemi Martins; 2. Bath; 3. WBA; 4. Li Na; 5. Glasgow; 6 Anderlecht; 7 German and Abu Dhabi; 8 Crusaders; 9 Nathan Brown; 10 2006; 11 St Johnstone; 12 Jordan; 13 Green Bay Packers; 14 Citroen; 15 Trampoline; 16 Gillingham; 17 Exeter; 18 Six; 19 Artistic gymnastics; 20 Mushfiqur Rahim; 21 Azerbaijan; 22 Green; 23 Royal Lytham; 24 Surrey; 25 Rio de Janeiro.

Did You Know?

● BRISTOL Rovers have three times reached the FA Cup quarter finals.

The first occasion came in 1950/51 when they drew 0-0 at Newcastle in front of 62,787 – the largest crowd to ever watch a Rovers match.

In front of a crowd of over 30,000, Rovers lost the replay 3-1.



Rovers again reached the quarter finals seven years later, losing to Fulham 3-1 at Craven Cottage.

Their most recent last eight appearance came in 2007/08, when Paul Trollope's side beat Saints 1-0 in the fifth round – a certain Rickie Lambert, above, scoring – before crashing 5-1 at home to West Bromwich Albion.

● TWO current Saints players faced each other in the 2006/07 Football League Trophy final at Cardiff's Millennium Stadium.

And Jonathan Forte ended the happier as he scored for Doncaster in their 3-2 final victory against a Rovers side containing Rickie Lambert.

Lambert played in two finals for Rovers in 2006/07 as the Gas also reached the League 2 play-off final – which was one of the first club games to be played at the new Wembley. This time he was a winner as Rovers came from a goal down to beat Shrewsbury 3-1.

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Another big shock

REMARKABLE COMEBACK: Totton's Ryan Scott.

HE is no stranger to FA Cup shocks involving Hampshire teams.

After all, ITV commentator Clive Tyldesley was at Wembley way back on that sunny afternoon in 1976.

Whisper it, but he was in the Manchester United end as Bobby Stokes and co achieved legendary status within the space of 90 magical minutes.

Tyldesley didn't hang around long after the final whistle.

"My friend and I didn't stay for the presentation, we didn't wait to see Peter Rodrigues lift the Cup," said the man who was just starting out his media career at Radio Trent in Nottingham at the time.

Tyldesley will be commentating on AFC Totton's fascinating Cup clash with Bristol Rovers this weekend, a game chosen for live coverage for obvious reasons – ie, footballing romantics will be wanting the non league minnows to humiliate the club that reached the quarter finals only three years ago.

Unsurprisingly, Tyldesley knew little about Totton on discovering he would be taking the mircrophone duties at Testwood Stadium.

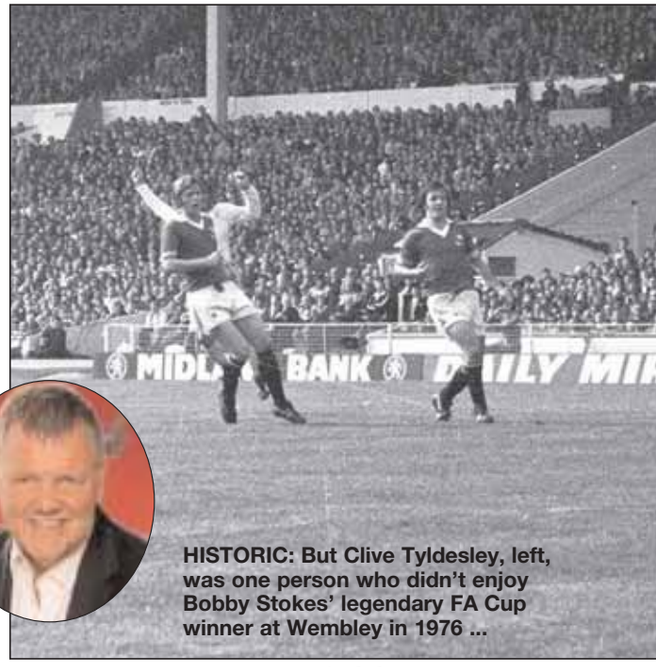
Two visits to the ground later – to take in a Red Insure League Cup tie against Poole Town and a chance to meet the players individually – he is more clued up about Stuart Ritchie's squad.

Tyldesley admits the image of non league clubs in the FA Cup has changed a lot in recent years.

Most of the Conference national clubs, nowadays, are full-time.

"I covered Crawley Town's game at Old Trafford last season," said Tyldesley of the occasion when the then non league club reached the fifth round.

"They almost equalised in the last minute with a goal from a substitute who cost £350,000 (Richard Brodie).



HISTORIC: But Clive Tyldesley, left, was one person who didn't enjoy Bobby Stokes' legendary FA Cup winner at Wembley in 1976 ...

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"You had a non league club who could afford to pay £350,000 for a player and then not start him!

"It's all a bit different from my generation when non league teams had players who I would call 'proper' part-time footballers."

Totton certainly have no big money signings in their side, and certainly no full-time professionals.

Tyldesley continued: "I've met the Totton players and they're nice lads.

"They've all got stories to tell.

"Ryan Scott had a badly broken leg a few years ago, and now he goes up a ladder taking solar panels to his friend who puts them in place on a roof.

"When was the last time Wayne Rooney went up a ladder?

"That's the magic of the FA Cup – that somebody who takes solar panels up a ladder is only 90 minutes away from playing in the third round against someone earning over £100,000 a week.

"Ryan Scott told me that he gave up football in the summer because of Gilmore's Groin, he decided to pack it in.

"But he went along to his brother's Sunday league side in Farnborough and played a few

From Tottenham to Totton

JOE ANYINSAH

WINGER Joe Anyinsah has his sights set on lining up against a Premier League club in the FA Cup for the second season running.

But he knows that Bristol Rovers first have to avoid a potential banana skin at non-league AFC Totton in this weekend's second round clash.

The 27-year-old Bristolian was part of the Charlton team which overcame Barnet and Luton Town to book a third round clash against Spurs at White Hart Lane last season.

Still a League One club at the time, the Addicks held their own in the first half – but then England star Jermaine Defoe (2) and Andros Townsend bagged three goals in the space of 11 second-half minutes to settle the tie.

"It was a good experience for me last season playing against Premier League opposition – especially a big club like Tottenham," said Anyinsah.

"They gave us a bit of a footballing lesson because they thrashed us in the second half, but hopefully we can win on Sunday and land another big tie in the third round."

This weekend's clash at the Testwood Stadium is being screened live on ITV and Anyinsah acknowledged: "The TV cameras are going to be there because they know people want to see shocks in the FA Cup.

"So we have to be professional in what we do.

"We don't want to be the ones who are

Veteran fan will be watching on TV - page 16

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for ITV's Clive ...?

games for them, and didn't feel anything – so now he's back playing for Totton in the FA Cup!

"Totton also have a player, Ryan Hill, whose job as a recruitment consultant in the oil industry takes him up to Aberdeen and over to Holland, headhunting directors on six-figure salaries."

Tyldesley has also been impressed with Totton's new Testwood Stadium.

"It's a modern facility and nothing like what you think of when you imagine a non league ground – a tiny, muddy uneven pitch with small dressing rooms.

"Totton have done very well without a single wealthy person putting lots of money in.

"They have reached a good status and it's been very much of their own making."

As a commentator since the 1980s, Tyldesley has some great FA Cup memories.

While working on Merseyside, he commentated on both the Liverpool v Everton FA Cup finals of 1986 and 1989.

"The second one was very emotional," he remembered. "Coming just a few weeks after Hillsborough."

He hasn't commentated on any major Cup shocks in recent times, though.

Instead, he's left it to his ITV colleague Peter Drury, who has been present for Histon's FA Cup win over Leeds United and Reading's shock success at Anfield in the same competition.

Tyldesley knows the eyes of a nation will be tuning in on Sunday, with most neutrals cheering on the minnows.

"As I said to Paul Buckle the other day, 'you know why we've chosen this game?" he remarked.

"In the same way if Bristol Rovers beat Totton and draw Manchester United, Sir Alex Ferguson will know why the game will have been chosen for live coverage.

"Rovers have had a troubled season, while Totton have been used to winning games.

"Though I will always say I'm a neutral when I'm commentating we all know what the major story will be ..."

Totton will be hoping to write it.

– that's Joe's Cup journey

splashed all over the back of the newspapers on Monday because we've been beaten by Totton, so we can't be complacent and have to go about our jobs properly.

"I've not really been on the end of any cup upsets before, so long may that continue.

"It will be a different type of game to what we are used to, but we know it's going to be a small ground and the atmosphere will be intense. They are going to be right up for it, especially with the cameras there.

"I've never played there before and I don't think any of the other lads have either. But a football pitch is a football pitch and it's up to us to block out the crowd and the fact it's on TV and just get on with it.

"Hopefully we can be fluent in our play and show why we are in a higher league."

Anyinsah – who played for Carlisle against Saints in the JPT final at Wembley in March 2010 – netted twice in four FA Cup outings for Charlton last term and has bagged four goals so far for Rovers following his summer move from The Valley.

"I'm pretty pleased with the way things have gone for me, although I'm my own biggest critic and know that there is always room for improvement. I've scored four goals so far but I would prefer it if the team had been doing better in terms of results," said Anyinsah.

"Hopefully I can get on the scoresheet more often and set up a few goals as well."

Anyinsah's dream would be a comfortable victory this weekend and then a trip to Old Trafford in the third round.

"Obviously as a Manchester United fan, then I'd like them – but I'd take any Premier League team.

"Realistically, we aren't going to win the competition and our main focus has to be on the league – but a cup run would be nice," said Anyinsah.

Stuart Ritchie's greatest game - pages 14/15

- Rovers' highest ever league position was sixth in the old Second Division in both 1955/56 and 1958/59.
- Rovers' most famous FA Cup win was a 4-0 humbling of Matt Busby's Manchester United in January 1956.

Did You Know?

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AFC TOTTON – THE SEASON SO FAR

Southern League

August
13 Arlesey Town (A) . . . . . .W 2-0
Gosney, Osman

16 Oxford City (H) . . . . . .W 6-0
Gosney 2, Brown 2, Hill, Sherborne

20 Swindon Sup (H) . . . . . .W 4-0
Sherborne 3, Gosney

23 Hemel Hempstead (A) . . . . . .W 3-0
Charles 3

27 Leamington (A) . . . . . .L 1-2
Davies

29 Weymouth (H) . . . . . .W 2-0
Richardson, Gosney

September
3 Barwell (H) . . . . . .W 2-1
Sherborne, Hill

10 Brackley (A) . . . . . .W 3-0
Gosney, Sherborne, Charles

13 St Albans City (A) . . . . . .W 4-3
Sherborne, Oldring, Gosney, Charles

24 Hitchin Town (H) . . . . . .L 0-1

October
4 Cirencester Tn (H) . . . . . W 3-0
Charles 2, Gosney

8 Evesham (A) . . . . . .L 0-1

25 Cambridge City (H) . . . . . .L 2-3
Campbell, Jack

November

5 Redditch (A) . . . . . .D 0-0

16 Frome (A) . . . . . .W 3-1
Brown 2, Osman

19 Bedford (A) . . . . . .W 2-1
Gosney 2

FA CUP

September
17 Fleet Town (H) . . . . . .W 2-0
Gosney, Sherborne

October

1 Clevedon Town (A) . . . . . .W 2-1
Gosney, og

15 Weymouth (H) . . . . . .W 4-2
Sherborne 2, Charles, Osman

29 Hanworth Villa (H) . . . . . .W 3-2
Davies, Campbell, Sherborne

November

12 Bradford PA (H) . . . . . .W 8-1
Brown 3, Davies 2, Gosney 2, Charles

FA Trophy

October
22 Weymouth (A) . . . . . .L 2-3
Gosney, Sherborne

Red Insure League Cup

November
1 Gosport (H) . . . . . .w 3-2
Brown, Jack, McKie

22 Poole Town (H) . . . . . .W 1-0
Coutts

Hampshire Senior Cup

October
11: Cove (H) . . . . . .W 7-2
Osman 2, Coutts 3, Brown, Sherborne

Why Cup so much

LOCAL HERO: Mark Osman in action for Totton.

AS the only Tottonian in the AFC Totton squad, the club's FA Cup run means more to Mark Osman than anyone.

Now in his testimonial season, the Stags striker is savouring every moment as he plans to hang up his boots next year.

He lives a goal-kick away from the Testwood Stadium in Calmore and is enjoying playing the role of local hero.

"As I'm from Totton it makes it that bit special for me because I'm never going to have this opportunity again," he said.

"Random people have been coming up to me in Totton town centre and wishing me luck. But it reaches further than Totton, it's everywhere in the south."

It has not always been like this.

When Osman began his Totton career 11 years ago the Stags were struggling in the lower reaches of the Wessex League, a long way from their current perch two levels higher atop the Southern Premier.

He was spotted scoring goals aplenty for Sunday morning outfit Totton United, his brother's team, by a friend of 92-year-old Stags fan Pete Chilcott.

Reward for his loyalty

Osman had also played for Ordnance Survey in the Hampshire League, but his future was soon mapped out with his hometown club.

In many ways, the success Osman is enjoying now is a reward for his loyalty. Two years ago he was wanted by Grays, who were in the Conference Premier at the time, after an outstanding individual performance in an FA Cup fourth qualifying round defeat.

"Grays were close to signing me which was flattering but they're a little bit out of Totton for me," he smiled. It was not the first time Osman had been coveted by other clubs.

"After my first year or two the club said 'hang on, keep with us, we're going to be big and we're going to create a decent stadium'.

"Now it's here you want to embrace it. It's a shame it didn't happen a couple of years ago in my peak, but it's a fantastic development and who knows where the club can go.

"We're a small club but with big ambitions."

Osman, who attended Testwood School and Totton College, began playing for his home-

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town club in 2000/01.

"I started off playing in front of a man and his dog so to have an average gate of 400 with record crowds of 2,000-plus just goes to show how far we've come."

The success has been spearheaded by Stuart Ritchie and Sean New, who were Totton teammates when Osman first played at the old Testwood Park, the club's home for 78 years until last February.

"I was a whipper-snapper back then, Stu was a centre-back and he got at me a few times," smiles Osman.

"He was quite quiet, except when he was having a go at me which seemed to be more often than not!

Unknown quantities

"With his league experience he was a fantastic player and his distribution from the back was different gravy.

"I didn't see him as a future manager at the time, you would never have thought it back in the day.

"But he thought before every pass as he now thinks before every decision he makes."

Osman scored in Ritchie's first game in charge and he and the club have not looked back.

"Stu and Sean were unknown quantities at the time, it was their first job and when they came on board I questioned whether I should stay," he admits.

"We'd been through a transitional time with managers coming and going but then things started to fit into place.

"As you can see, they've got us where we are today."

Osman is one of only two survivors from the Stags side that reached the 2007 FA Vase final and has since helped the club win two promotions.

But this FA Cup run ranks alongside playing at Wembley.

"The club's buzzing about it and, personally, it will be up there as the biggest occasion of my career," said the 29-year-old, an IT worker at Brockenhurst College.

"Wembley is a stage every player wants to play on and coming out in front of 35,000 people will never be topped for me.

"That was the pinnacle but there's nothing bigger for a non-league club than an FA Cup run like this.

"We've lost a couple of fourth qualifying round games in the last few years but this is what we've dreamt about".

Family is important to Osman, who will have the support of his partner Chantal and their 18-month-old son Elijah, as well as mum Julie and other family members.

But sadly, his dad Melvyn, a painter and decorator from Calmore, will not be among them at the Testwood Stadium.

For Osman, his absence is the one cost of the Stags' success.

"I'm trying to get Elijah a place as a mascot but my dad's my biggest fan and he won't be coming because he doesn't like crowds," he explained.

"He hates them, he gets really claustrophobic. At the old ground he went to every game I played in, no matter what.

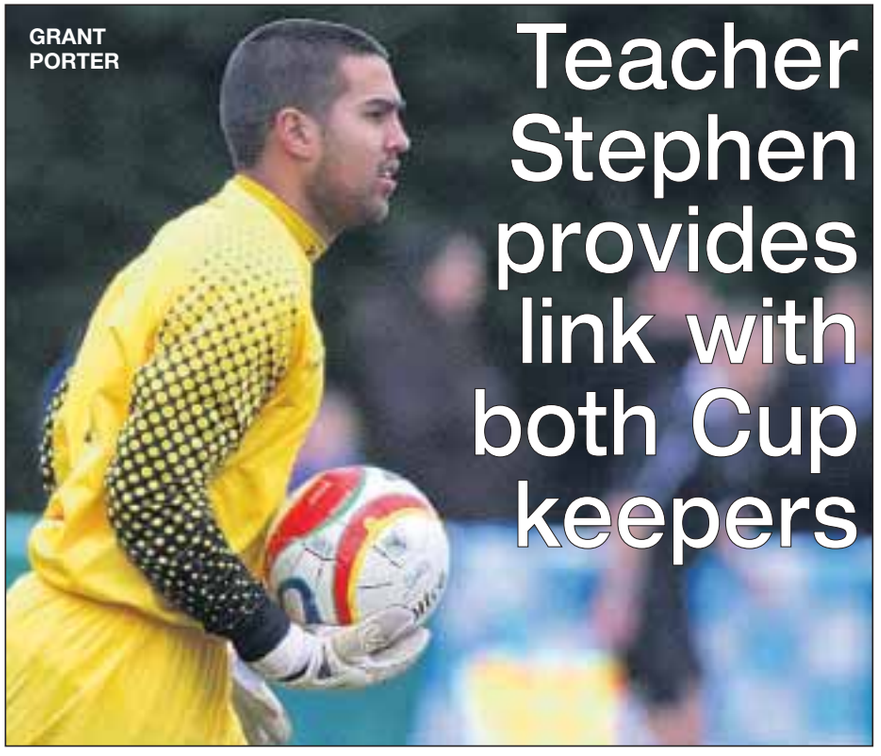
"He was dragged kicking and screaming to Wembley, there was no chance of him missing that, but he won't be there for this one.

"Since we moved to the new ground he's felt more enclosed.

"There's plenty of space at most of the games but the thought of crowds keeps him away and it's a shame because he's followed me all the way.

"He's literally been there from the start and is so interested, it's the only thing we talk about.

"It would be nice to have him there and it's a shame. But he's like me, we like our own space so he'd rather sit at home for this one and watch it on TV."



GRANT PORTER

Teacher Stephen provides link with both Cup keepers

HE has seen one former pupil win the FA Cup twice – and taught BOTH goalkeepers involved in tomorrow's big tie between AFC Totton and Bristol Rovers.

Stephen Bywater, PE teacher at Oasis Academy Mayfield, taught Spurs legend Graham Roberts, now the Nepal manager, when he began his teaching career way back in 1973.

Rovers keeper Scott Bevan, 32, and Stags stopper Grant Porter, 21, were not even born then but also graduated from the school in its previous guise as Weston Park Secondary.

They will be up against each other on Sunday afternoon and Mr Bywater, 60, will be an interested observer at his Hedge End home.

He said: "As well as being the school team's goalkeeper, Scott and Grant were both excellent at throwing the discus.

"Maybe it has something to do with their distribution as goalkeepers! Scott could certainly whizz it.

"He was 6ft 4in before he left school and was also a very good basketball player.

"I saw him for the first time since he left a couple of years ago when he came to St Mary's with Torquay in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy.

"I organise the ball boys at St Mary's and our room is opposite the away changing room!

"We had a good chat but I didn't realise he was playing for Bristol Rovers till I saw him playing on TV recently.

STEPHEN BYWATER

SCOTT BEVAN

GRAHAM ROBERTS

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"And I didn't know Grant was playing for Totton either. He was always a good goalkeeper, very solid.

"He wasn't a runner but was a very good all-round sportsman. I took him for GCSE PE and he excelled at that.

"I always thought he had the potential to play in goal at a good local standard.

"I'm pleased to see he's doing well."

Grant still lives in Sholing with his dad. He said: "I don't know Scott but I see him in the high street when he's visiting his family – you can't miss him, he must be about 6ft 7in!"

Mr Bywater also taught Totton assistant manager Sean New.

But whoever makes it into the third round draw will not expect to become the second Weston Park old boy to win the FA Cup.

Southampton-born Roberts, who won the FA Cup with Spurs in 1981 and 1982, was a trainee with Saints and Pompey before playing for Weymouth, Spurs, Rangers, Chelsea and West Brom.

The former England defender won six caps and has been Nepal's manager since the turn of the year, having previously coached Pakistan's national side.

"Graham was in the third year when I joined the school from teacher training college more than 38 years ago," Mr Bywater added.

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BRISTOL ROVERS – THE SEASON SO FAR

League 2

August
6 Wimbledon (A) .....W 3-2
McGleish, Harrod, Virgo

13 Torquay (H) .....L 1-2
Anthony

16 Northampton (H) .....W 2-1
Kuffour, Harrold

20 Macclesfield (A) .....D 0-0

27 Hereford (H) .....D 0-0

September
3 Crawley Town (A) .....L 1-4
Brown

10 Bradford (A) .....D 2-2
Harrold, Richard

13 Shrewsbury (H) .....W 1-0
Zebroski

17 Aldershot (H) .....L 0-1

24 Morecambe (A) .....W 3-2
Bolger, McGleish, Anyinsah

October
1 Cheltenham (H) .....L 1-3
Brown

8 Oxford Utd (A) .....L 0-3

14 Rotheram (H) .....W 5-2
McGleish 2, Bolger, Brown, Anyinsah

22 Burton Albion (A) .....L 1-2
Harrold

25 Port Vale (H) .....L 0-3

29 Dag and Red (H) .....W 2-0
Anyinsah, Harrold

November
5 Accrington (A) .....L 1-2
Anyinsah

19 Barnet (H) .....L 0-2

26 Southend (A) .....D 1-1
Harrold

Carling Cup

August
23 Watford (H) .....D 1-1
Harrold
Won on penalties

30 Leyton Orient (A) ..... L 2-3
Zebroski, Richard

FA Cup

November
12 Corby (H) .....W 3-1
McGleish, Carayol, Zebroski

JPT

September
6 Wycombe (A) .....L 1-3
Harrold

I want to keep up with Theo!

Stef recalls the young Walcott ...

STEFAN Brown hopes AFC Totton's FA Cup run can help him rejoin Theo Walcott and Charlie Austin in the professional game.

The Stags striker won the Player of the Round award for his 15-minute hat-trick against Bradford Park Avenue last month – the quickest in FA Cup history.

And he knows a good performance against Bristol Rovers in front of the television cameras could help him achieve his dream.

Now 22, he was released by Reading as a schoolboy for being too small a few years after playing for Newbury Schools with Arsenal ace Walcott and Burnley striker Austin.

Austin was playing several levels lower in the Sydenhams Wessex Premier League not so long ago.

Brown said: "I'd like to be a professional and hopefully if I put in a good performance on Sunday someone will see me and want me.

"[Former Totton and Eastleigh striker] Brett Williams was 23 when Reading signed him last year so there's still hope."

Stefan admits it is hard to believe he is only 90 minutes away from joining Walcott and Austin in the FA Cup third round.

As he recalls his playing days with Walcott, he smiles: "I just remember Theo being unbelievably fast, he made me look slow!

"He improved a lot on the rest of his game but I didn't hear anything about him for four years.

"Then, all of a sudden, there I was watching a live game at St Mary's and the commentator said Theo Walcott was coming on!

"I turned the TV up and everyone was talking about him being the next big thing. It was a big shock, but I was very happy for him."

STEFAN BROWN

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Whatever happens on Sunday, Stefan is guaranteed a place at Wembley on FA Cup final day.

Currently in the final year of a Sports Development degree, he was studying in the Portsmouth University library when he discovered he had been voted the Player of the First Round.

"The hat-trick still seems very surreal," he says. "When you think of all the great names that have played in the competition it's a great feeling and is something I'm very proud of.

"The last few weeks have been a bit crazy, but it's good fun and we're all looking forward to the game now.

"If we can get through this we've all got a good chance of playing against some of the best players in the world which is unbelievable."

Stefan joined the Stags from Thatcham Town through his friendship with defender Aidan Lewis.

Having started the last two matches, he is hoping to be on from the start – with parents, grandparents and cousins all there to support him.

"We have a great set of strikers and if I don't start hopefully I can do the same again," he said.

"It will be the highest level I've played against and I'm looking forward to the challenge."

TOO FAST: Arsenal's ex-Saints star Theo Walcott.

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SHOWING ROVERS WHAT THEY MISSED: Jonathan Davies scores for Totton in their 8-1 FA Cup caning of Bradford Park Avenue.

● BRISTOL Rovers have had four managers in the last 30 years with Saints connections.

Russell Osman, below, and Dennis Rofe both had caretaker spells in charge of the Gas, while Terry Cooper and Ray Graydon took charge between 1980-81 and 2002-2004 respectively.

Cooper was Graeme Souness' assistant at The Dell and later became Saints' European scout at a time when they signed Agustin Delgado, Anders Svensson, Michael Svensson, Mikael Nilsson and Jelle Van Damme.

Graydon was reserve team boss at The Dell while Rofe was a coach under a variety of managers at Saints.

Osman played for Saints in the mid 1980s after making his name at Ipswich.

● Rovers were dumped out of the FA Cup at the first round stage last season by a non league club.

Two divisions lower Darlington won 2-1 at home, Will Hoskins – now at Brighton – replying for the Pirates. Darlo were managed at the time by Mark Cooper, Terry's son.

Junior was Jon's Gas star man!

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AFC Totton winger Jonathan Davies used to dream about playing for Bristol Rovers alongside Junior Agogo.

The 21-year-old was on Bristol Rovers' books as a schoolboy before being cruelly released at the age of 15.

At the time he was a striker who also enjoyed watching Barry Hayles and Nathan Ellington – but Ghana international Agogo, now at Hibernian, was always his favourite player.

"He stood out for me, he used to play up front and was fast and tricky – the main man," smiles Davies.

"Every time I went to a game Junior Agogo seemed to score!"

Davies's dreams were shattered when he was told he was told he would not be staying on at the club's Centre of Excellence.

"I was pulled to one side at the college where we did our training and left in the middle of the session," he recalls.

"It was heart-breaking.

"All I ever wanted to do was grow up and play for Bristol Rovers.

"I wasn't very tall but all the lads had had their growth spurts when they were about 12.

"I thought they could have given me a few years but they'd made their decision and I couldn't do anything about it.

"It didn't hit me till I got home.

"I was distraught when it sank in and it took a good year to get over it.

"At the time I was quite bitter, I fell out of love with football but grew out of that eventually and luckily I kept going.

"I played locally for Trowbridge Town, started to enjoy my football again and went to Salisbury."

Davies declined an invitation to return to Rovers for a trial after being spotted playing for Salisbury reserves, aged 18.

A striker in the Rovers youth team, he will be a threat against them down the Stags' right flank on Sunday.

"Everyone got big and strong a lot quicker than me and I got pushed out towards the wing, where I prefer it now, I get more of the ball," he said.

"I know a few Bristol Rovers season ticket holders and they've been giving me a bit of banter.

"I want to win just to have dig at them!"

Since being released by The Gas, Davies has been "nowhere near" the Memorial Ground.

But he hopes to return as a player one day, and will be back soon if Sunday's tie goes to a replay.

Can Totton emulate giant-killers from even lower down

● **Four seasons ago a non league club playing at a lower level than AFC Totton currently play at reached the third round proper of the FA Cup.**

● **Chasetown were playing in the Southern League Midlands Division, the same level that Sholing and Gosport Borough currently play at, when they knocked out League 2 club Port Vale in a second round replay.**

● **Drawn at home to eventual finalists Cardiff City, Chasetown actually took the lead – against a club SIX divisions ahead of them – before losing 3-1.**

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Way back then ...

IT was back on August 14 2004 that Stuart Ritchie first took charge of a competitive AFC Totton game.

It was the same day that Saints started what was to be their last Premiership campaign by losing 2-0 at Aston Villa.

Paul Sturrock's men conceded first half goals to Darius Vassell and Carlton Cole at Villa Park.

Sturrock was gone nine days later, but Ritchie – thankfully for Totton – has enjoyed a little more longevity in his south coast management role.

Not that Ritchie's start was auspicious – Totton were beaten 2-1 at Bemerton Heath Harlequins.

Not only is Ritchie still at the Stags, but so is the man who scored for Totton that day – striker Mark Osman.

OSMAN

Osman grabbed a hat-trick three days later as Totton celebrated Ritchie's first home game in charge with a 5-0 hammering of Hamble ASSC at Testwood Park.

Danny Barker and Gareth Byers also netted.

The only downside for Ritchie was the second-half dismissal of Scott Bundy for dissent to a linesman.

Bunday was back in the good backs the following Saturday, though.

He scored a first half penalty in a 2-1 Testwood Park win against Alton, a success earnt via a last minute winner from Barker.

Stu's Cup thriller

ITV viewers will be more than satisfied if this weekend's tie contains the excitment Stuart Ritchie's first FA Cup match in charge of the Stags.

After drawing 1-1 at Sussex club Whitehawk in an extra preliminary round tie, Ritchie actually found the target as Totton won the replay on penalties after a thrilling 4-4 draw.

The Stags had previously scored two spot-kicks prior to the shoot-out – via Scott Bundy and Craig Martin.

Danny Barker and Pete Clarke had earlier put Totton 2-0 up in normal time.

Bunday and Martin converted again in the shoot-out along with Barker, James Sherrington and Ritchie.

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The day Totton league debut

DESPITE all his achievements with AFC Totton, Stuart Ritchie's footballing highlight remains his Aston Villa debut at Manchester United.

The Stags manager was only 18 when he replaced Andy Gray at half-time and found himself up against a United midfield including Bryan Robson, Norman Whiteside and Jesper Olsen in May 1987.

There were 35,179 packed into Old Trafford on a sweltering last day of Sir Alex Ferguson's first season in charge.

"It was fantastic to step out there into that environment. The pace of the game was so quick and the heat took some getting used to!" Ritchie recalls.

"Robson was so physical, tough in the tackle and he covered the ground so quick."

Although Villa lost 3-1, Ritchie set up the visitors' only goal for the late Paul Birch, with a header back across goal.

"Despite the game being so fast I remember being very comfortable on the ball and in possession. It's what I'd trained for," he said.

"I played on the right side of midfield up against Colin Gibson, the United left-back at the time. The atmosphere was something else. It was a great experience."

That turned out to be Ritchie's only appearance for Villa, having signed as a Redbridge schoolboy.

"It was a board decision after Billy McNeil had left as manager and that made it even more disappointing for me," he admits.

"We'd been relegated and they just decided to get rid of a lot of the apprentices."

Signed by Villa as a 13-year-old, Ritchie was always a huge fan of the midlands giants.

"I loved Villa, they were the best side in the country when I signed for them in 1981 and that was the reason I joined them.

FLASHBACK: Stuart Ritchie, circled top row, in the same Crewe Alexandra squad picture as David Platt (also circled, front row) in 1987. Platt is now at Manchester City. Below – Stuart Ritchie is circled again, this time playing for Newport IoW in 1992.

GREAT MEMORIES: Stuart Ritchie pictured on his only Villa appearance at Old Trafford in 1987 and, left, setting up Paul Birch's goal.

"I could have gone elsewhere but they were a special club in my heart – I couldn't turn down the European Cup winners!"

Ritchie was taken under the wing of former Villa forward Brian Little, who was the club's youth team coach after injury had ended his playing career prematurely.

"Brian was very good for me, he gave me my grounding as a pro footballer and as a Villa legend was someone I really looked up to," Ritchie continued.

"Tactically, he was very good with us. He encouraged us to be flamboyant, like he was as a player, and to express ourselves. He influenced the way I am as a player and now as a manager."

Unlike Tony Daley, his best pal at Villa, Ritchie was not given the chance to prove himself under Graham Taylor.

He did not like that, but continued his footballing education under Dario Gradi at Crewe Alexandra.

A young David Platt was in Crewe's first team when Ritchie arrived at Gresty Road, where Ritchie replaced another future England midfielder in Geoff Thomas.

"I could have signed for Swindon or Yeovil but playing under Dario, with all his coaching experience, was the right thing to do.

"Crewe had a conveyor belt of young

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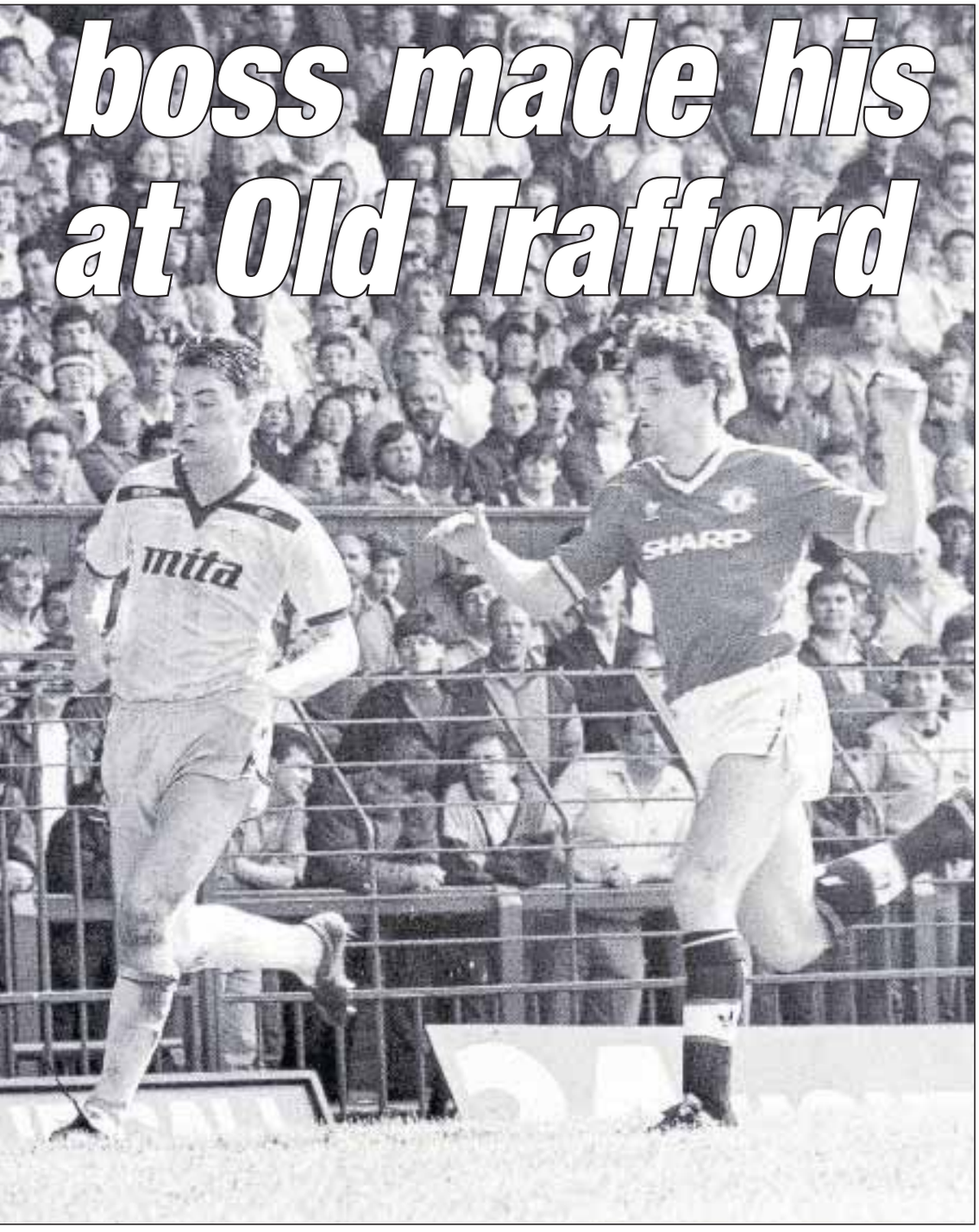

players coming through, Rob Jones and Craig Hignett were both there at the time.

"And Dario was similar to Brian, he always gave you that freedom to express yourself. He was a football purist, not hard exactly, but very single-minded. The biggest rollicking he gave me was when we played Tranmere.

"I'd played my best 45 minutes ever and he ripped into me at half time. Looking back it gave me a buzz and the knowledge of how to get the best out of people. Brian, Dario and Ron Wylie, the first team coach at Villa under Graham Turner, were the biggest influences on me."

Platt travelled in the opposite direction to Ritchie in 1988, becoming a Villa legend in the early nineties.

But for a season he was Ritchie's partner in the Railwaymen's midfield.

"I was more of a passer whereas Platty would love to get forward and into the box, he was very athletic, always getting up and down," Ritchie said.

"I sat a bit deeper but I laid on a few of his goals."

Their careers followed a very different direction. Ritchie was playing in Ireland for Waterford when Platt became a household name for his winning goal against Belgium at Italia '90.

"One instinctive shot changed everything for him, he obviously rose up the ladder very quickly," smiled Ritchie, who played for Waterford under Andy King, the bubbly former Everton midfielder and future Swindon manager.

There he came across another midfield star of the future.

"It was a good standard of football and one of our biggest games was the derby with Cobh Ramblers, who had a young Roy Keane playing.

"He was quite quiet then, but he did stand out. He was very energetic and got around the pitch.

"But the best young player I ever played against was in an FA Youth Cup tie for Villa against an Arsenal side including the late David Rocastle. He was very, very talented."

When Ritchie returned to his Hampshire roots, he won Southern League titles with Bashley and Havant & Waterlooville and a Hampshire Senior Cup with Newport.

He ended his playing career as a ball-playing centre-back with Totton, arriving at Testwood Park from Havant in August 2000.

Ritchie took over the reins in 2004, since when he has become the most successful manager in Totton's history.

He and Sean New have formed a formidable double act, but Ritchie never intended to manage.

"Our chairman at the time, Richie Maton, asked me to do the job when I just wanted to have a break from the game," he smiles. "I had a lot of injuries at the end and just wanted a rest. But John Robson had left to manage Bashley and Richie just kept asking me till I said 'yes'!"

Ritchie, a Nursling-based Parcelforce delivery driver, has been assisted by former Stags teammate New since the start.

"We work well together. Sean's bubbly whereas I'm quieter and more thoughtful. I couldn't have worked with anyone but Newy's passion for the game is huge and I knew we'd complement each other well."

An FA Vase final and two promotions later, Ritchie is now plotting Totton's course to another promotion and maybe even a place in the FA Cup third round draw alongside Villa, Platt's Manchester City or those first opponents at Old Trafford.

Whatever happens against Bristol Rovers, Ritchie will have the support of his dad Les, a former Saints reserve, as well as his partner, daughter and four older sisters at the Testwood Stadium.

"To be as successful as we have been, winning the trophies we have and making people sit up and take notice, has been quite incredible," he said.

Did You Know?

Not very sweet 16

THE Totton public are preparing to turn out in force once again for the historic FA Cup second round tie against Bristol Rovers.

Another crowd of around 2,200 is expected to pack into Testwood Stadium.

Needless to say, it hasn't always been like this during Stuart Ritchie's time in charge of the Stags.

Indeed, during his early days in charge, the club were one of the worst supported in the Wessex League's top flight.

Ritchie's first season at the helm, 2004/05, saw attendances down by 11 per cent as Totton recorded the fourth lowest average crowd of just 62.

Amazing as it now seems – as the Stags enjoy life in the Southern League Premier with an average approaching 400 – one game in Ritchie's first season in charge attracted the pitiful crowd of just 16.

The attendance for Christchurch's visit was anything but sweet.

Other crowds were only marginally better – 31 v Cowes, 33 v Thatcham, 44 v Newbury and 48 v Brockenhurst.

The season's highest, 119, came when Andover visited Totton's former Testwood Park headquarters.

Those sparsely-attended days now seem a world away as the Stags take on the likes of Weymouth in league action.

Totton's average league crowds

2003/04	70
2004/05	62
2005/06	96
2006/07	137
2007/08	164
2008/09	305
2009/10	268
2010/11	330
2011/12	383

7th heaven

AFC Totton could become the first club from the seventh tier of English football to reach the third round of the FA Cup since the 2008/09 campaign.

Three years ago, Nottinghamshire club Eastwood Town defeated Brackley Town and League 2 club Wycombe Wanderers before losing 2-0 at Conference club Kettering Town.

Eastwood went on to finish that season as Northern Premier League Premier champions.

During that 2008-09 FA Cup, a record eight non league teams reached the third round.

One of them, Torquay United – then managed by Paul Buckle – defeated three divisions higher Blackpool 1-0 at Plainmoor.

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The best non leaguers ...

AFC Totton have had a lot to celebrate recently after reaching the second round of the FA Cup.

But did you know that five non league clubs have actually reached the fifth round since the end of the second world war?

Crawley Town, who included ex-Salisbury City star Matt Tubbs in their side, were the latest to do it only last season.

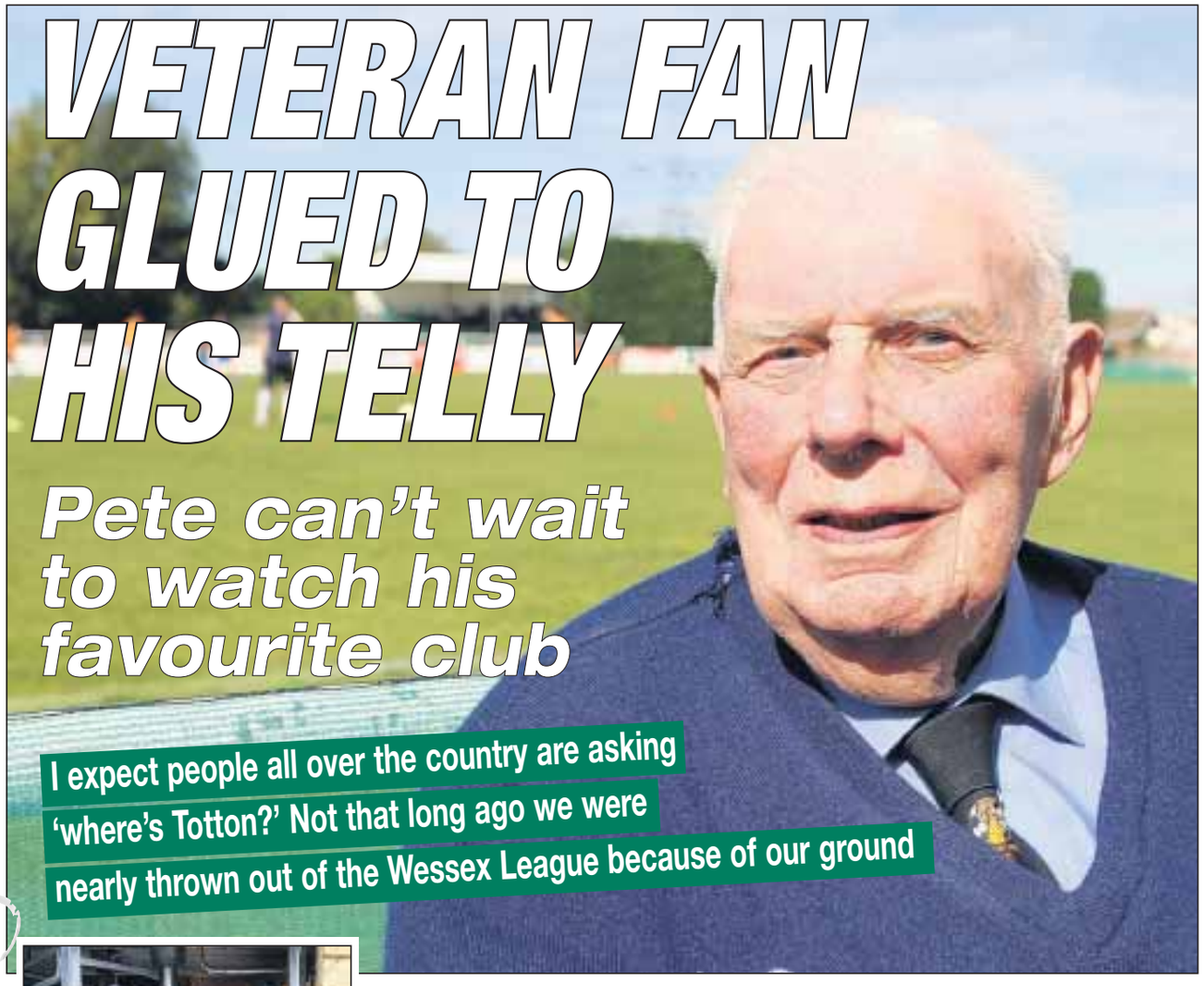
They knocked out Championship club Derby County en route to a last 16 defeat at Old Trafford, and even then Premiership champions elect Manchester United only won 1-0.

Prior to Crawley, Kidderminster (1993/94), Telford United (1984/85), Blyth Spartans (1977/78), Yeovil Town (1948/09) and Colchester United (1947/48) also reached the fifth round.

Here, the Pink looks at the best non league clubs' performances in recent years.

2010/11
Crawley Town (5th rd 0-1 at Manchester United)
2009/10
Barrow (3rd rd, 0-3 at Sunderland), Luton Town (3rd rd, 0-1 at Saints), York City (3rd rd, 1-3 at Stoke), Forest Green Rovers (3rd rd, 1-2 at Notts County).
2008/09
Kettering Town (4th rd, 2-4 at home to Fulham)
Torquay United (4th rd, 0-1 at home to Coventry City)
2007/08
Havant & Waterlooville (4th rd, 2-5 at Liverpool)
2006/07
Tamworth (3rd rd, 1-4 at home to Norwich City)
2005/06
Burton Albion (3rd rd, 0-5 at Manchester United after 0-0 draw)
Tamworth (3rd rd, 4-5 penalties to Stoke Ciy after 0-0 and 1-1 draws)
Northwich Victoria (3rd rd, 0-3 at Sunderland)
Nuneaton Borough (3rd rd, 2-5 at Middlesbrough after 1-1 draw)
2004/05
Yeading (3rd rd, 0-2 at home to Newcastle United)
Exceter City (3rd rd, 0-2 at home to Manchester United after 0-0 draw)
2003/04
Scarborough (4th rd, 0-1 home to Chelsea)
Telford United (4th rd, 0-2 home to Millwall)
2002/03
Farnborough Town (4th rd, 1-5 at Arsenal)
Dagenham & Redbridge (4th rd, 0-1 at Norwich)
2001/02
Canvey Island (3rd rd, 1-4 at Burnley)
Dagenham & Redbridge (3rd rd, 1-4 home to Ipswich)
2000/01
Kingstonian (4th rd, 0-1 home to Bristol City after 1-1 draw)

Other non league clubs reaching the fourth round in modern times
1997/98
Stevenage Borough (1-2 at Newcastle United after 1-1 draw)
1996/97
Hednesford Town (2-3 home to Middlesbrough)



VETERAN FAN GLUED TO HIS TELLY

Pete can't wait to watch his favourite club

I expect people all over the country are asking 'where's Totton?' Not that long ago we were nearly thrown out of the Wessex League because of our ground

FLASHBACK: Pete Chilcott oficially opens Totton's new Testwood Stadium earlier this year.

AFC Totton's oldest supporter, Pete Chilcott, is more grateful than most for the televised coverage of the FA Cup second round tie against Bristol Rovers.

The 92-year-old, who still lives in Totton, has not seen a game this season – but will be glued to the box on Sunday afternoon, ***writes SIMON WALTER.***

"It's absolutely marvellous news," he said. "I've got too much trouble with my knees now and don't think there's much hope of making it to the ground for the big one, I'm too prone to tumbling over.

"I'll try and get to a game at some point this season but I'd probably struggle to see any of the Bristol Rovers because of the large crowds.

"I enjoyed listening to the radio broadcast of the Bradford Park Avenue game but it'll be very different to see us live on the television.

"I expect people all over the country are asking 'where's Totton?' Not that long ago we were nearly thrown out of the Wessex League because of our ground!'"

HONOURED: Pete Chilcott, above, pictured in the suite named after him at Testwood Stadium.

A former clerical worker at Southampton Goods Yard, Chilcott first watched AFC Totton play with his dad Charlie as an eight-year-old.

He was the club's tannoy announcer for several years as well as being the official historian, and used to phone over the final score from Testwood Park to *The Pink* every Saturday.

In February he was the first person through the turnstiles at the Testwood Stadium, 78 years after seeing the local doctor open Testwood Park in 1933.

He wrote a book celebrating the club's centenary in 1986 and admits victory against Bristol Rovers would be the biggest achievement in the club's 125-year history.

A place in the FA Cup third round would surpass the 2007 FA Vase final appearance, which he watched from the Royal Box after being taxied to Wembley by the club.

Whatever the result on Sunday, no doubt a drink will be raised to him in The Pete Chilcott Suite at the back of the main stand.

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AFC TOTTON v BRISTOL ROVERS *FA Cup second round*

SLAUGHTERED!

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SPORTS EDITOR

IT was a moan which summed up the pressure modern day football managers are under.

Bristol Rovers boss Paul Buckle will be under the microscope this weekend as he brings his League 2 strugglers to AFC Totton for the live televised FA Cup tie at Testwood Stadium.

Privately, there were no doubt mixed emotions when the draw was made.

Obviously, against a team three divisions below them in the pyramid, Rovers are favourites to progress to a potential money-spinning third round tie.

The flipside of that, though, is equally obvious.

If Rovers lose, the pressure on Buckle – already under fire from some supporters after Rovers slipped into the fourth tier's bottom third – will be massively ramped up.

Were Totton to win, Buckle could find his Rovers career over – just a few months after his arrival was greeted with a total rebuilding job and waves of expectation following the Gas' relegation last term.

There was once a time when a new manager would be allowed some sort of honeymoon period in order to impose his tactics and work ethos on a squad.

Those times have gone.

Ask Andre Villas-Boas.

"We have had a lot of criticism and it seems to be inherent in the game now that if you lose a couple, you get slaughtered," Buckle said after last weekend's impressive point at leaders Southend.

Buckle was referring to the previous week's dire 2-0 home loss to strugglers Barnet, where sections of fans called for his sacking.

The subsequent BBC Somerset Radio fans' phone-in was then dominated by unhappy Rovers supporters ringing in demanding he be axed.

I was listening to the phone-in – on my way back home from watching Exeter at Yeovil – and was genuinely surprised by the anger being shown towards Buckle.

A Bristol City fan phoned in to say all he'd heard in recent times was Rovers fans complaining about their manager.

And the Gas hot seat has certainly been warm in recent times.

Dave Penney, a veteran of over 300 games as a manager with Doncaster and Darlington, was brought in last January, but lasted less than two months before he was sacked.

In the last decade, Rovers have had just six permanent managers, which is a lot better than some – but Paul Trollope was in charge for over half that time.

PAUL BUCKLE

Buckle comment sums up modern day pressures ...

As Saints have shown in recent years, a revolving door policy for appointing and dispensing with managers does not equal a recipe for success.

The likes of Steve Wigley and Paul Sturrock did not hang around for long as their lack of top flight managerial experience was highlighted, while Jan Poortvliet's English knowledge was also cruelly exposed.

But nowadays even the managers who have been around a while don't seem to be given time.

Penney is a good example, and Gary Johnson another.

The man who guided both Yeovil and Bristol City to promotion was, not that long ago, viewed as one of the most up-and-coming bosses in the English game.

Not any more.

Appointed Northampton boss last April, he was sacked a few weeks ago.

The Cobblers appointed a caretaker boss, who proceeded to lose his first game 7-2 at home.

So out he went, and ex-Saint Tim Flowers brought in as caretaker.

The one-time Dell keeper saw his men ship three goals in the opening 17 minutes en route to a 4-1 loss at Plymouth, the worst team in the whole Football League.

Sometimes in football, you can't help but have no sympathy for some clubs.

The late, great Alan Ball used to lament – when I spoke to him for his former Sports Pink columns – how managers were treated in the 21st century.

All managers, he would explain, need at least three years.

The first year would be spent using the metaphorical broom to clear out those he didn't want and to bring in his own signings.

The second year would be to sow some real seeds of progress.

And the third would be the one where success – relative to the club's expectations – would have to follow or the manager could have few complaints if he was axed.

Not many bosses will be lucky to get the three years these days.

Buckle, though, was given time at his former club Torquay.

In his first season, with the Gulls in the Conference, he saw his side lose in the play-off semi-final and then lose the FA Trophy final at Wembley.

The Torquay board didn't panic; instead they kept the faith.

Buckle masterminded promotion 12 months later and two years on, in 2011/12, the Gulls were one game away from another elevation.

So he has proved he is a capable manager at the level Rovers now find themselves.

Yes, the club were going well in League One back in the late 1990s when I worked on the sports desk at the Bristol Evening Post.

Under Ian Holloway – a Rovers legend – they boasted the likes of Jason Roberts and Jamie Cureton.

They even had a young lad in the reserves who couldn't get in their first team.

Whatever happened to Bobby Zamora?

After Roberts and Cureton left, Rovers brought through Nathan Ellington, another striker who would go on to play in the Premier League.

Rovers fans haven't forgotten those players and those days.

They certainly haven't forgotten Rickie Lambert, the best striker they have seen in a blue and white shirt since the early part of this century.

They see their club in the lower echelons of the fourth tier – where up until 2001 they had never played before – having sold their best players year after year after year.

They don't see any real shoots of recovery under Buckle.

But is it too early to call for his head?

This weekend's fascinating FA Cup encounter will tell us a lot about how much Buckle's squad want to play for their manager.

If Totton do the unthinkable and progress, no-one will be that surprised if the Rovers board make yet another change.

If they do, the Gas will be onto their fifth manager in 12 months.

That is the way of modern day football management in the pressure cooker atmosphere of the Football League for you.

It's got worse since Bally – a former Bristol Rovers player, no less – sadly passed away four and a half years ago. God knows what he'd make of it now.

Did You Know?

PRIOR to this season, the biggest cup tie in AFC Totton's history was the 2006/07 FA Vase final against Truro City at Wembley.

Over 35,000 fans watched Totton lose 3-1 in what was one of the first games ever to take place at the new national stadium.

Here, the Sports Pink looks at where the Stags' 2007 Vase stars are now.

IAIN BRUNNSCHWEILER – Wicket keeper-turned-goalkeeper, now head coach of England Cricket's under-16 and under-17 teams.
KEVIN REACORD – Back at AFC Totton as assistant to reserve team manager Jim Thorne.
MATT TROON – Talented left-back now part of GE Hamble's assault on the Sydenhams Premier title.
DANNY POTTER – Totton's Wembley goal hero had a spell with Hythe & Dibden. Now busy running his window cleaning company in Southampton.
ROSS BOTTOMLEY – Giant utility player doing a terrific jack-of-all-trades job for Eastleigh in the Blue Square Bet South

FLASHBACK: Danny Potter scores at Wembley in 2007.

JAMIE AUSTEN – Totton's Wembley captain now plays for promotion-hunting Sholing and aims to meet up again with his old club in the Southern Premier Division next term.
JAMES RODEN – Gritty midfielder, affectionately known as 'Monkey', hopes to captain GE Hamble to their best ever Wessex finish.
GARETH BYRES – The wide midfielder now plays for former AFC Totton duo Stuart and Matt Hussey at Wessex Premier outfit Lymington Town.
MIKE GOSNEY – The wing wizard with a wand-like left foot is still weaving his magic for the Stags.
MARK OSMAN – Totton's star of the 2007 Wembley show is now in his testimonial season after 11 magical years with the Stags.
FLOYD HAMODU – Lives in Portsmouth. Last known playing for Blackfield & Langley last term.
LEE STEVENS – Last heard of turning out for Thatcham Town in the Southern Division One South & West.
RICHARD GREGORY – Another enjoying the Sydenhams Premier high life with GE Hamble.
DAVE GOSS – Owns a fencing company in Winchester.
RICHARD ZAMMIT – Managing director of an IT company, Born Technologies, in Southampton.
JOE MCCORMACK – Isle of Wight-based Southampton Airport fireman still keeping goal in the Island League.

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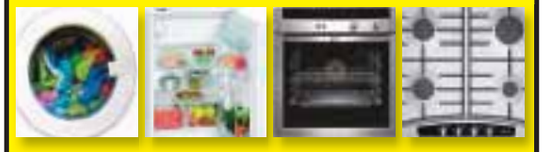

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13 Sheff Wed (H) . . . . . .W 2-0
Barrett, Arter
16 Stevenage (H) . . . . . .L 1-3
Arter
20 Carlisle (A) . . . . . .L 1-2
Arter (pen)
23 WBA (H, CC) . . . . . .L 1-4
Lovell
27 Walsall (H) . . . . . .L 0-2
20 Hereford (H, JPT) . . . . . .W 4-1
Stockley 2, Pugh, MacDonald

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3 Notts County (A) . . . . . .L 1-3
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25 Colchester (A) . . . . . .D 1-1
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Cherries/Pompey Spotlight

Cherries' new coach 'first class'

BRIAN Laws has given Russ Wilcox a glowing reference and insists Cherries' new assistant manager is a first-class coach who will not be after Lee Bradbury's job.

Laws, who worked with Wilcox for eight years at Scunthorpe, Sheffield Wednesday and Burnley, expressed his disappointment at losing his trusty lieutenant.

But the former Iron, Owls and Clarets boss says the Seward Stadium board have made an excellent choice in appointing the 47-year-old Yorkshireman.

Wilcox officially took up his post yesterday and signed an 18-month contract with Cherries after replacing Steve Fletcher as Bradbury's right-hand man.

Laws, who handed Wilcox his first coaching role at Scunthorpe in 2002 – at a time when current Saints boss Nigel Adkins was also at the Yorkshire club – said: "He is highly qualified, well respected and gets on well with people, particularly the players who will respond to him.

"I became a manager for the first time at 31 and it is important you get the right number two.

"Lee doesn't want to be looking over his shoulder and being threatened by someone who is after his job. That can easily happen when you don't know somebody and I went through those pitfalls.

"Russ is not in that vein. He doesn't want to be a manager, he wants to be on the training ground with the players and that will give Lee great comfort to know that. It is important because Lee has to trust the person and has to trust his knowledge. Russ certainly has a lot of knowledge. He has coached in all divisions and you can't buy that. It will give Lee great support knowing he can lean on Russ.

"As a manager, you need a second voice and it was important Lee didn't bring in a 'yes' man. Russ has his own ideas and views but he knows it is the manager's decision at the end."

Former Hull, Doncaster, Preston and Scunthorpe defender Wilcox started his playing career at non-league Frickley before being picked up by Northampton in 1986. He made more than 100 appearances for the Iron after being signed by Laws in 1997.

"He doesn't stand for any nonsense and will tell the players that straight away," added Laws. "Discipline and punctuality are very important.

"He will be ready and prepared for training and will expect the players to be the same. If you have got discipline off the pitch then, nine times out of 10, you will have it on the pitch.

"I spoke to Lee and, straight away, he said he had a good feeling about Russ. First impressions are important and Russ felt the same. A new guy coming in will give Lee a lift and will give the club a spur and a bit of freshness.

"Bournemouth had a super season last season and probably over-achieved in one respect. They set the bar quite high and now it is about getting that realism back.

"They probably need a bit of consolidation before they jump again and try to get to the next level."

PRAISE: Brian Laws, left, approves Cherries choice.

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POMPEY GO CLEAR OF THE DROP ZONE

PORTSMOUTH 2
COVENTRY 1

PORTSMOUTH put their off-field woes behind them to record a morale-boosting 2-1 win over struggling Coventry in the npower Championship.

The south coast club's owners, Convers Sport Initiatives, went into administration last week, sparking fears that Pompey could be plunged into financial turmoil once more.

Manager Michael Appleton insisted on Friday that his players would be paid on time and they responded by delivering his first win since taking charge, Joel Ward netting the winner.

Greg Halford opened the scoring with a 20th-minute penalty following a calamitous piece of defending from the visitors, who sink to the foot of the table despite drawing level through Lukas Jutkiewicz.

The warning signs were there for the Sky Blues as early as the third minute, when Dave Kitson's powerful long-range volley forced a good save from Joe Murphy.

Gary Gardner did well to clear under pressure from Ward following Joe Mattock's teasing delivery shortly afterwards.

At the other end, Gardner blazed an ambitious free-kick wide of the left upright as Andy Thorn's side momentarily relieved the pressure.

They dropped themselves right back in it, however, when a mix-up between Martin Cranie, Richard Wood and Murphy which saw the latter trip Ward.

After consulting with his linesman, referee Carl Boyeson pointed to the spot and Halford sent Murphy the wrong way to put Pompey ahead after 20 minutes.

The goal stirred Coventry into life and they almost provided a decisive response when Sammy Clingan delivered for Jutkiewicz but his cushioned header was just beyond the reach of Clive Platt.

Andy Keogh powered through the middle moments later but was dispossessed by Ricardo Rocha. Portsmouth broke immediately and Erik Huseklepp's deflected shot fell kindly for Kitson, who somehow fired wide.

Appleton's side almost pressed the self-destruct button just before half-time as Halford sloppily conceded possession in his own half, allowing Jutkiewicz to break away but his cut-back for Platt was easily gathered by Stephen Henderson.

But they were not to be denied and nine minutes after the restart, Wood's superb left-wing cross was turned home by Jutkiewicz.

Any hopes of building on that platform were shattered when Portsmouth took a quick free-kick and George Thorne's clever pass found Ward, who fired across goal and into the bottom corner from the edge of the box.

The scores should have been level after 71 minutes when Keogh fed substitute Gary McSheffrey but he was denied by Henderson when lifting his shot would surely have seen him score.

Thorn's men were made to rue the missed chance as they saw their winless run extended to 10 matches.

Portsmouth's future remains uncertain but the win pulls them three points clear of the relegation zone and 10 ahead of Coventry.

MATCH WINNER: A goal from Joel Ward, left, gave Portsmouth all three points against Coventry.

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6 Middlesbrough (A) . .D 2-2
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22 Doncaster (H) . . . . .W 3-1
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29 Derby . . . . . .L 1-3
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1 Crystal Palace . . . . .D 0-0
5 Nottm Forest . . . . . W 3-0
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19 Watford (A) . . . . . .L 0-2
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Non-league Football

SALISBURY EARN MIDWEEK REPLAY

FA CUP: SALISBURY 0 GRIMSBY 0

WHILST the scoreline might indicate that Salisbury live to fight another day it will be Grimsby who are the more relieved to get a replay at Blundell Park on Tuesday week.

The Whites will be going into the third round draw for the first time in their history and a plum draw against a premiership side will be what they are after.

In the first half they dominated for long periods and on four minutes Jake Reid hit a shot on the turn from the edge of the box which was deflected narrowly over.

The early pressure continued with the Whites foreseeing three corners in three minutes, from the first of which Shaun Pearson nearly put in his own net. Stuart Anderson then hit the second corner to the far post, seconds later, where Danny Webb saw his header cleared off the line by Emanuel Panther.

The only threat from Grimsby came on 23 minutes against the run of play, when a cross caused Salisbury keeper Mark Scott to collide with Ryan Dutton and the ball went out to Michael Coulson. Coulson's drive was on target but Dutton got his head on it and the ball cannoned back off the bar.

Seconds before the break from a corner Grimsby's Pearson tested Scott with a firm header which the keeper pushed over the top.

In the second period Salisbury started strongly again with Reid seeing his 30 yard effort go over the top and then on 50 minutes Marvin Williams fed the ball left to Michael Alexis whose right foot shot went just the wrong side of the post.

Grimsby had a bit more of the play and on 61 minutes a long ball found Coulson who got into the box and ballooned the ball over from six yards.

As the game drew to a close Reid tried his luck from distance but was wide and on 90 minutes substitute Charlie Knight crossed from the left for new loan signing Lloyd Macklin to put a diving header narrowly over.

Just before the final whistle and Salisbury tried to grab an important goal, Chris Giles appeared to be pushed in the back in the Grimsby area but referee Graham Scott waved away the appeals.

The sides will meet for a re-play at Blundell Park on Tuesday December 13.

MATCH WINNER: Lymington's Mark Lloyd holds off New Milton's Paul Presyon. But Milton won the Sydenham's League match 5-1. *Pic: Paul Collins.*

Eastleigh go close

BLUE SQUARE BET SOUTH

FOR their trip to leaders Woking, Eastleigh introduced new signing Ali Suseini and Scott Rogers with Jamie Slabber also returning. Ross Bottomley and Ian Herring were both suspended and Richard Gillespie reverted to substitute.

Although Inns had a powerful shot just off target in the early minutes, Eastleigh made a bright start with Suseini from a free kick and Chris Flood having a shot saved by keeper Howe.

However, Woking came more into the game as the half progressed. Paris Cowan-Hall had one shot saved and an effort cleared off the line by Tom Jordan while Wayne Gray had an effort smothered by Eastleigh goalkeeper Jack Dovey.

Half-time: Woking 0 Eastleigh 0

Eastleigh gave a very good account of themselves, especially in the last 20 minutes when they forced several corners and made the home team defend deeply.

The all-important goal came in the 47th minute when Ben Smith crossed for WAYNE GRAY to score.

Almost immediately Tom Jordan nearly equalised for Eastleigh.

It was a good game watched by a crowd of 1,610 with Eastleigh showing great determination which should bode well for the remaining league games of the season.

Cuss backed to beat drop

WIMBORNE Town chairman Ken Stewart has given his full backing to manager Steve Cuss and insists the Magpies can beat the drop from the Southern One South & West.

Wimborne have edged perilously close to the drop zone after a worrying run of ten league games without a win.

But, though he admits that Cuss has "a lot of work to do", Stewart says he is "fairly confident" the Dorset club can pull themselves out of trouble.

"Our sights were set on mid-table and to go from there, but with a new manager we are rebuilding the side and that takes time," said Stewart.

"With results going against us we don't have much time and, if we can avoid relegation, I shall be happy.

"I'll look again in February.

"Some people might say that may be too late, but we don't sack managers for the sake of it.

"We don't want to push the panic button and I don't think we will. Steve has a few sleepless nights ahead of him, but he has our full backing."

Despite recent setbacks, Cuss also insists he is the right man for the job.

"I am responsible for results, I do know that, and I suppose I feel under pressure in terms of trying to win a game," he said.

"Anything else is the board's decision.

"I haven't considered resigning. All I do is work hard each week and try to get the right quality here, coach them and get them as organised as I can."

Even the arrival of new frontmen Russell Cook (from Poole Town) and Rico Wilson (from Dorchester) couldn't inspire Wimborne last Saturday as a flat, error-strewn display saw them beaten 2-0 at home by Cinderford.

"We didn't really have a goal threat throughout the game and we gave away the ball too easily," admitted Cuss. "We didn't deserve any more than we got."

Knight takes reins at Town

PORTSMOUTH goalkeeping legend Alan Knight was this week unveiled as the new manager of Blue Square Bet South outfit Dorchester Town.

The 50-year-old, who leaves his role as goalkeeping coach at Havant & Waterlooville, will be assisted by former caretaker boss Phil Simkin with skipper Mark Jermyn installed as player-coach.

"Alan wants a challenge and, after speaking with Phil, we decided that we perhaps needed a wider catchment area for bringing in players," explained Dorchester chairman Shaun Hearn.

"Alan has contacts from Portsmouth, Southampton and Bristol and I'm sure he will bring in players in the near future.

"We've lost a lot of players lately, such as Gary Bowles and Chris Flood, and Ryan Moss is also going soon so we need quality replacements."

Knight, who made 801 appearances for Pompey, is no stranger to the Avenue Stadium, having previously coached at the club five seasons ago.

"Alan is 100 per cent committed to doing a job here and he will get involved with the community and commercial side of things," added Hearn.

"He will be Dorchester Town 24-7.

"He's not on contract, it's going to be week to week. Some managers prefer to work that way and it's in our interest to go that way.

"Hopefully it will be a success but, if not, then we are not lumbered with having to pay up someone's contract."

Knight is looking forward to his first senior managerial post.

"These opportunities don't come around very often so I am determined to make the most of it," he said.

Brading raid

NEWLY-INSTALLED Newport IoW boss Steve Brougham has returned to his old club Brading Town to pep up his strike force.

Following Brougham from Vicarage Lane to St George's Park is 24-year-old Kyle Levrier whose goals spearheaded Brading to their highest ever finish of fourth in the Sydenhams top flight last season.

Plucked from Island League team Oakfield last year, Levrier burst onto the Wessex scene with 18 Premier Division goals in 2010/11, winning the Romans' Golden Boot award. Prior to joining Newport, he had been Brading's leading scorer this term with nine goals in all competitions – one ahead of GC Giancovich.

"I'm really pleased to have got Kyle on board," said Brougham. "He came with me from Oakfield to Brading and now he is joining me at Newport. It is great that he is so loyal to me.

"I want to bring in one or two more names, but Kyle is a good place to start."

Although Premier Division survival is Newport's main aim right now, long term there is a belief that they can regain Southern League status.

"I know that if we can get the best players on the Isle of Wight, we can go close to achieving promotion. The challenge for me is to take the team as far as it can go," said Brougham. Brading, meanwhile, have announced that experienced defender Ollie Fleming will assist their new boss Nigel Murray for the remainder of the season.

Non-league Football

HISTORIC: Lymington and Totton & Eiling captains line up with Lucy May, Paula Wyatt and Amy Robinson.

Paula's history – again!

SAINTS fan Paula Wyatt was making refereeing history for the SECOND time at Totton & Eling last week.

The 21-year-old was one of Lucy May's assistants at Little Testwood Farm - two years after she and her dad Steve became the first father/daughter refereeing partnership in the UK.

Paula and her dad Steve, who come from Petersfield, occasionally officiate together in the Wessex League.

She said: "I first qualified when I was 15 and first started refereeing when I was 17. We used to run a girls side up in Petersfield and you'd go to away games and there was no referee.

"So I went on a course with my dad and we both qualified together."

HISTORY MAKERS: Amy Robinson, Lucy May and Paula Wyatt.

Paula, a PA at BAE Systems, is now at Level Five.

Like Paula and Lucy May, 17-year-old Amy Robinson was introduced to refereeing by her dad.

The A-level student, who comes from Gosport, is the youngest current Sydenhams Wessex Premier assistant referee.

Currently at Level Seven, she sometimes officiates four games a weekend!

Amy said: "My dad managed a team and said 'why don't you referee?' I've never looked back.

"It's a good feeling to come off at the end of a game with positive feedback.

"You learn from it and grow."

HOW YOUNG REF SUCCEEDED IN A

THESE days, Lucy May is one of the most respected referees in the county. But proving herself in a man's world has not been easy.

Still only 22, she broke more new ground during last week's Sydenham's Wessex Premier game between Totton & Eling and Lymington Town.

On paper it was just another mid-table clash, one of hundreds at Step Five across the country.

But it was only the second game to be officiated by three females at that level or above in the history of English football.

Lucy and her assistants, Paula Wyatt and 17-year-old Amy Robinson, were the first three females to referee a game together since Wendy Toms, Janie Frampton and Amy Fearn presided over a Conference match between Nuneaton Borough and Kidderminster in 1999.

It will be less than 12 years before it happens again.

It might even happen in the Wessex again this season.

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Lucy has been the Wessex pioneer and, as well as lecturing in law and sport at South Downs College, is also an FA Female Referee Ambassador.

But it has taken courage as well as hard work to get this far. "I remember doing one game on my own at a council pitch where I was petrified," she recalls.

"A player came over screaming and swearing at me saying that I shouldn't even be involved in the game, that it was a man's world."

Lucy and Paula have also had players drop their shorts during a routine pre-match boot check.

But the worst incident nearly ended her refereeing career before it had got going, when she was only 15.

"The ref had pulled out and my dad offered for me to fill in," said Lucy. "One of the players' dads walked on to the field, screaming at me and grabbed me for not giving his son a penalty. He said f*** you, you b****! The team's manager had to physically restrain him.

"For a couple of weeks I refused to do anything, my kit bag was stuck in the car boot and I didn't want anything to do with it.

"But [FA National Referee Manager] Janie Frampton got wind of it and told me I was letting them win and that bugged me.

"I can take a lot of things but not losing.

"Her saying that was the worst feeling in the world because she was right. By not going back out there I was letting them win."

Lucy enjoyed one of the most satisfying moments of her career in May, when she recognised the man who nearly made her give up.

She was preparing to run the line for a women's international between England and Sweden at Oxford United's Kassam Stadium when she clapped eyes on him in the stands.

"While I was doing the warm up I turned round and saw him sat down. It was the best feeling in the world!

TACKLED: Totton & Eling's Steve Green, right.

AT THE FOREFRONT OF THE ATTENTION: Lucy May, accompanied by her assistants Amy Robinson and Paula Wyatt, leads the two teams out at Totton & Eling last weekend.

"I was about to do an international with the Three Lions on my chest live on TV and he was watching. That was karma!

"What made me laugh is that he messaged my dad and said how brilliant it was to see me doing well. It's amazing how one of your enemies can become a friend."

Another rite of passage was negotiated the day Lucy, who comes from Portsmouth, refereed her first men's game.

"I was so nervous," she said. "My dad literally had to frog march me to the car, then pushed me out saying 'good luck'. The next thing I heard was a player saying 'lads, the ref's got t*ts!' I thought 'oh no, there's one of me and 22 of you!'

"But it's not like that a more, they're getting used us."

There was a surge in recruitment of female refe at the turn of the year, tha to Andy Gray and Rich Keys.

The Sky Sports duo lost t jobs as a result of their se criticism of Sian Massey lowing her second game as assistant referee in the Prem League.

"Sian's one of my clo friends and an amazing g continued Lucy. "She's v strong and what she's achie is first class and has bro down a lot of barriers for rest of us coming through.

"I didn't realise how stron person she was till she fa

GOT A VIEW ON LUCY MAY'S COMMENT

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that. I would probably have crumbled but she's doing games again now and getting decisions spot on. She's there because she deserves to be.

"The most positive thing to come out of that was the number of females signing up to courses. I would put 50 per cent of this year's recruitment down to that.

"We're growing in number. There's been a 300 per cent increase in six years and ten per cent from last year."

As well as the unnecessary obstacles, officiating in men's football carries with it unavoidable challenges.

"We have the same fitness tests as our male counterparts and it is hard work, but we got into this knowing that," continued Lucy.

"We can't expect them to treat us with equality if we're asking for anything different. At Wessex level we have to be able to run 2,500m in 12 minutes, then two 50m sprints in under 7.5 seconds each. The fitness tests get progressively harder as you go up to reflect the demands of the game."

Keeping up with Theo Walcott while assisting a Saints academy match in Marchwood was one of Lucy's toughest physical tests.

"I nearly wanted to cry trying to keep up with him. The ref turned to me and joked if you can't keep up with him just flag him offside!"

Lucy, pictured right, admits the fitness requirements of a Premiership referee will always make officiating in the top flight a step too far for most female refs.

"When I run the line in the Southern Premier and at Ryman level the pace is ridiculous," she said. "I can remember doing my first line at that level and wondering what I'd got myself into. But if there's a level we have to be at we'll work our backsides off to make sure we're there.

"I'll start training just after Christmas for my next fitness test in June because I don't want to fail.

"And the local Football League guys help an awful lot. During pre-season I was training three or four times a week with some of them, as well as following a fitness programme put together by Dr Stewart Bruce-Low at Southampton Solent University.

"They dragged me over to the field kicking and screaming, making me train till I threw up."

Despite all the challenges, there are advantages to be being a female referee.

"We have to work harder to get respect, but when it comes to them turning around to let loose at you they do think twice before swearing.

"The second a player started letting rip at me last week, he said 'I can't do this, my missus is going to kill me'!"

As a feisty hockey player during her school days, Lucy admits to being something of a poacher turned gamekeeper.

"I used to get into too much trouble, I was a bit of a loose cannon and would be subbed off before I was sent off," she smiles.

She is the only woman refereeing in the Wessex, although she could be joined by Paula and a few others next season.

She hopes to run the line in Conference South next season, achieving her Level Three promotion.

Eventually she hopes to become the next woman to referee a Football League match.

Currently at Level Four, she will have to be at Level One to do that.

"Once you get the bug you want to go that bit further. Realistically, I'd like to get into the Football League. But I might get to Level Three and not be good enough.

"Whatever doors open we'll embrace and do our best. We've got some amazing refs coming through.

"Sarah Garratt, who got her Level Two this year, is absolutely phenomenal and it wouldn't surprise me if she is the first female referee in the Premier League.

"She's got this aura about her when she referees. You never know she's there but she can dominate a game for 90 minutes.

"She's a pleasure to work with. You feel safe and that's what you want as an assistant."

Did You Know?

Wendy wonder

THE first woman to ever run the line in a Football League game was from the south coast.

In 1994-95 Wendy Toms, from Broadstone in Dorset, was chosen for the list of Football League Assistant referees for the first time.

Toms created more history in 1997-98, when she became the first woman to referee a Conference game, between Kidderminster and Nuneaton Borough.

In 1997 she became the first ssistant referee in the Premier league.

Her highest domstic honour came in February 2000 when she was one of the assistant referees for the League Cup final between Leicester and Tranmere at Wembley.

Amy was first ref

AMY Fearn created history in February 2010 as the first woman to referee a Football League game – the Championship clash between Coventry and Nottingham Forest.

She took charge of the last 20 minutes of the game after Tony Bates went off through injury.

Back in November 2006 she hit the headlines after being criticised by then Luton boss Mike Newell for her performance as an assistant referee in a game against QPR.

"She shouldn't be here," he said. "I know that sounds sexist, but I am sexist. This is not park football, so what are women doing here?"

Newell later faced an FA inquiry over sexism after his comments, which included: "It is tokenism - for the politically-correct idiots.

Newell added: "We have a problem in this country with political correctness and bringing women into the game is not the way to improve refereeing and officialdom."

Newell was fined £6,500 by the FA for his comments about Rayner.

Sian row

SIAN Massey, a 26-year-old schoolteacher was the assistant referee in Wolves' 3-0 home loss to Liverpool last January that sparked the sexism row which led to the sackings of Sky TV pair Andy Gray and Richard Keys.

Massey, pictured, became the second ever female assistant in a Premier League game the previous month, when she ran the line at Sunderland v Blackpool.

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Non-league Football

Non-league News

Eastleigh reprieve

EASTLEIGH will host Craig Davis's Fleet Town in the Hampshire FA Senior Cup third round on Tuesday, December 20 – after both clubs were reinstated.

Aldershot, who beat Eastleigh 2-1 in the second round in October, have been thrown out of the competition for fielding an ineligible player.

And, bizarrely, the same fate has befallen their north Hampshire neighbours Farnborough who overcame Fleet by the same 2-1.scoreline.

"We're pleased to be back in it," said Spitfires boss Ian Baird, above, whose Blue Square South side must stand a strong chance of progressing against the Evo-Stik Division 1 Central strugglers.

Fawley off-Load

GOALKEEPER Dan Loader has re-signed for Sydenhams Premier Division outfit Christchurch from divisional rivals Fawley AFC.

Loader, who had spells with Eastleigh and New Milton Town on his return from long-term injury, will provide cover for Priory's veteran stopper Stewart Kearn.

Christmas soccer

WIMBORNE Town manager Steve Cuss, pictured, has more soccer schools planned for the Christmas school holidays.

They will take place on Thursday, December 22 and Wednesday, December 28 (10am-3pm, £10 a day).

For details contact Cuss on 07973 893594.

Back line boost

HYTHE & Dibden have re-signed centre half Craig Vigar from Totton & Eling.

And there is more good news for Hythe, as fellow defender Dan Moss has turned down a move to New Milton.

Co-manager Wayne Harvey, who hailed the commitment of Moss, said: "Between them, they can hopefully tighten up our back four."

MEW'S BLANK CHEQUE!

Form horses won't be form filling just yet ...

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NON-LEAGUE REPORTER

ROMSEY Town may be riding high in sixth place in the Sydenhams Premier Division, but they won't be dreaming of promotion – at least for the time being.

In a week when Wessex clubs have been advised by the league to forward a cheque to the FA for £120 if they wish to be considered for Southern League football, Town boss Wayne Mew laughed: "We've got our form but we won't be applying for Step 4 just yet!"

All joking apart, Mew, pictured below, would like to think the day will come when that form is not just thrown in the bin or tucked away at the back of the club secretary's drawer.

With a bit of investment and another two or three seasons to build, he believes Romsey could eventually have a say in the Wessex title race, just as they did in their 1989/90 heyday when they were crowned champions under the leadership of Roger Sherwood.

When Mew, a former Eastleigh reserve/youth manager, took over the Town reins two summers ago, it was with the aim of rebuilding the club on and off the pitch and re-establishing the Bypass boys as a major Wessex force.

Back in Sherwood's day, Romsey had the team but not the facilities to progress. The club subsequently stagnated and spent a decade scratching around in the Hampshire League and the old Wessex 2 before finally reclaiming their top flight status, led by manager Trevor Holmes, in 2007/08.

Two promising mid-table finishes followed under bright, young boss Glenn Burnett, but when he left and the bulk of the squad followed him out of the door, it looked as if his successor would have his work cut out to preserve Town's Premier standing.

But not only has Mew preserved it, he has improved the club to such a degree that, suddenly, the prospect of following the likes of Totton, Gosport, Sholing, Wimborne and Poole into the Southern League is not such a pipe dream after all.

"We won't be going for the Southern League next season, but it's not out of the question that we'll get there one day," he said.

"When I first came to the club, we had a five-year plan to get us into the Wessex top four and then see where we go from there.

"The way results have gone this season, the team's ahead of schedule, but we've played more games than the other clubs so we'll probably drop a place or two."

While Mew and his trusty right-hand man Stuart Long have made squad building look easy, getting the Bypass Ground up to Southern League standard will not be such a breeze unless extra funds are found.

"We're two or three years from getting the ground up to scratch, but it can be done," he said. "A few years ago when Totton were at their old ground, their dressing rooms were as bad as ours!

"But if we're going to get all the work done, we need investment which is not easy to come by in this day and age.

"We don't need massive investment of thousands and thousands of pounds, a modest amount would do.

"We're in the process of putting a new roof on the clubhouse, but we need turnstiles and stuff like that.

"We're gradually improving the ground, but we'll probably come to a standstill without investment."

PEDIGREE: Jamie White, left.

Wayne dreaming of a White Christmas

ROMSEY Town boss Wayne Mew says he WOULD swop his Wessex hotshot Simon De'Ath for Winchester City's Jamie White – but only because of the age difference!

Both men weighed in with a hat-trick last Saturday as Romsey put an end to Winchester's winning league streak by drawing 3-3 at the Denplan City Ground.

De'Ath, right, currently tops the Sydenhams Premier scoring charts with 23 goals in 20 appearances, five ahead of potential AFC Bournemouth target White, who has banged in 18 in just ten Wessex games.

Both players possess the sort of finishing prowess that would guarantee them a start for any Wessex side.

But, as much as Mew treasures De'Ath's contribution, he says White has the advantage of youth.

Asked if, in an imaginary world, he would swop strikers with Winchester, Mew said: "Of course I would because we're looking at the next four or five years and Jamie is a lot younger than Simon.

"If you've got a long-term plan, which we have at Romsey, you're always looking for younger players coming through.

"But Simon's doing a really good job for us right now. Prior to us (Mew and assistant Stuart Long) coming to Romsey, he wasn't playing regularly here.

"But he was up among the league's top scorers last season and now he's out in front at the top.

"His confidence is quite high at the moment."

According to Mew, it's impossible to compare De'Ath with 22-year-old White because of the decade's age difference.

"They're two totally different players," he said. "Simon gets teased for the effort he tends not to put in, but he still ends up scoring goals!" he laughed.

"Jamie's younger and buzzes around all over the place, but Simon's in his early 30s and his older head puts him in the right position at the right time."

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Solent get coach lift

TEAM Solent have secured the services of UEFA B Licence coach Paul Walshe from Sydenhams One rivals Ringwood Town.

Walshe has already been working with the student set-up, coaching in the British University competition while studying criminal psychology at Southampton Solent University.

Praising his latest acquisition, Team Solent manager Dominic Cunliffe, above, said: "Paul is a fantastic coach with natural flair and creativity.

"Team Solent will definitely get better from having his presence in training and on match days."

In an Urry to impress

DOWNTON have sharpened their goal threat by signing attacking midfielder Danny Urry from Sydenhams Premier neighbours Laverstock & Ford.

After impressing for Laverstock last season, former Salisbury City and Andover man Urry, below, had a spell with Southern Premier outfit Swindon Supermarine before returning to Church Road.

Urry, a tricky, pacy player who likes to take on defenders and create openings for forwards, made an instant impact on his Downton debut last Saturday.

He climbed off the bench and scored three minutes into stoppage time to wrap up a 3-1 Sydenhams Premier win over Newport IoW at Wick Lane.

On Tuesday Urry turned provider for the Robins, setting up Danny Finnigan for the only goal of the game as Downton triumphed 1-0 at Bournemouth Poppies – their first away victory of the season.

Sholing get a tough draw – and Diaper only has himself to blame!

BASINGSTOKE DANGERMAN: Tim Sills, left.

SHOLING face a tough Hampshire FA Senior Cup test at home to Blue Square Bet South high-fliers Basingstoke Town on Wednesday – and manager Dave Diaper only has himself to blame!

As a director of Cup sponsors BSA Regal Group, Diaper, below, was responsible for pulling the tie out of the hat having been invited to assist with the third-round draw.

"It's the worst thing I could have done with the way they're going!" he laughed.

"It's going to be a real big test.

"But the competition is very important to us, what with BSA sponsoring it, and I'd like to think we can push Basingstoke all the way."

By signing the likes of Tim Sills, Delano Sam-Yorke, Ashley Bayes, Wes Daley and Shaun McAuley during the summer, sixth-placed Basingstoke have made their promotion intentions clear.

Only this week the ambitious north Hampshire club unveiled plans to relocate to a new 5,000 capacity community stadium.

"Hopefully they won't see the Hampshire Senior Cup as one of their main objectives but, even against a weakened squad, it's going to be hard," predicted Diaper.

"I would imagine that anyone who plays will be trying to impress the manager."

Sholing, though, have a good record in the competition, having made the St Mary's final twice in the last three years, losing out to Fleet Town and Cup holders AFC Totton.

"I've got a lot of time for their manager Frank Gray, but we've beaten Basingstoke before in this competition so he'll know he's in for a tough game. Whether that will affect his choice of personnel I don't know," added Diaper.

BOWERS CAUGHT IN RAIN STORM

Hamble boss slams Romsey for early postponement call

GE Hamble co-manager Danny Bowers was fuming with the early postponement of Tuesday's Sydenhams Premier showdown at Romsey Town.

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Much to the Planemakers' dismay, the match was called off following a 4pm inspection due to a waterlogged pitch.

With both clubs potentially on course for their best ever Sydenhams Premier Division season, it had all the makings of a terrific game.

Hamble needed victory to put them on level pegging with Winchester City and Bemerton at the summit while, for Romsey, a win would have preserved their place in the top five.

Bowers, right, was so "livid" with the early postponement that he has asked Planemakers' secretary Matt Newbold to pen a letter of complaint to the Sydenhams Wessex League.

"It's scandalous that the game was called off three and three-quarter hours beforehand," fumed Bowers.

"There was no rain after 5pm, so why couldn't it have been left to the match referee to make a decision at 6.30pm?

"I could understand it if we'd been playing at Bemerton or Newport IoW or if we were a Southern League club having to travel two hours to a game, but we're not.

"We're two junctions down the motorway from Romsey, so even if we had turned up and the game had been called off, we wouldn't have had far to travel.

"Having a pitch inspection at 4pm doesn't sit right with me and it's left a sour taste."

What really irks Bowers is that Hamble do not have another league match scheduled until they host Alresford Town next Saturday, by which time they could have lost further ground on new league leaders Winchester.

The Planemakers had no game today (Saturday) and on Tuesday night they entertain Downton in the SWL Cup.

"Other teams played last Tuesday and today, but not us," he said. "It's annoying because you lose momentum."

Romsey manager Wayne Mew says the club were right to request an early pitch inspection on Tuesday and save an unnecessary journey for players and officials.

"It was really wet the night before so we had an inspection at 4pm which our groundsman dealt with," he explained.

"We wanted the game played as much as Hamble did, but our pitch seems awfully wet at the moment.

"We've done a lot of work on the surface, spiking it and so on, and I don't know if we've made it worse.

"Water is not running off it like it used to.

"All we were doing by calling an early inspection was trying to avoid people travelling in from all over the place unnecessarily.

"In future perhaps Danny (Bowers) would like to pay the match officials' expenses if a game gets called off. I'm sure he's got more money than Romsey Town!"

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Luke has last laugh

HAMWORTHY United penalty expert Luke Burbidge had the last laugh on manager Simon Browne last Saturday – by scoring twice from open play.

Burbidge, below, bagged both goals as the Hammers overcame Blackfield & Langley 2-0 in the Sydenhams Premier Division to extend his Wessex tally to 15.

Boss Browne joked: "I gave him a little bit of stick in my programme notes, saying we had this new player called Luke Burbidge-Pen!

"But he took his goals well and he was sharp."

Goalkeeper Simon Evans has re-signed for Hamworthy after severing his ties with Dorchester Town.

Loan star Taylor

ON-LOAN Gosport Borough striker James Taylor struck twice in the opening 20 minutes to send Fleet Town on their way to a morale-boosting 3-1 victory over Aylesbury last Saturday.

Twice the Southampton-based targetman, below, went close early on, missing with a header in the seventh minute and then skying an easier chance soon afterwards.

But the 37-year-old quickly made amends with goals in the 16th and 20th minutes, leaving his ex-Bashley and AFC Totton teammate Craig Davis – Fleet's new player-manager – to finish the job with a near-post finish following a corner.

Bridge need a roof

SYDENHAMS Premier club Christchurch have launched a 'sponsor a joist' scheme so they can put a roof on the Hurn Bridge changing room development now that there are walls in place.

Priory are asking people to sponsor a joist for £20. In return, the sponsors will be recognised in the matchday programme and as part of a 'thank you' wall within the new development. Anyone wishing to support the project can contact chairman Mark Duffy at *mark.duffy@ntlworld.com*

WILLIAMS LEFT 'GUTTED' AFTER FIRST PRO GOAL

BITTER-SWEET MEMORY: Former Eastleigh striker Brett Williams scored for Rotherham but finished on the losing side.

Rotherham loss sours Brett's special day

FORMER Eastleigh striker Brett Williams had mixed emotions after scoring his first ever professional goal for Rotherham United last Saturday.

The Hedge End lad, currently on loan to Rotherham from Reading, fired his adopted side ahead against Crawley Town in the npower League Two, but was ultimately on the wrong end of a 2-1 scoreline, ***writes WENDY GEE***.

"I'm really happy with the goal and I could have scored another one as well, but I'm gutted about the result," reflected the 23-year-old.

"We played them off the pitch in the first half, but we were a bit sloppy when we came out for the second half and conceded two goals. It was a bad result in the end."

Former taxi driver Williams joined Reading from Blue Square Bet South outfit Eastleigh for £50,000 in January.

He had yet to make a first-team appearance for the Royals when he was loaned to the Millers at the end of August.

He made his Rotherham debut against Swindon in early September, but picked up a thigh injury soon afterwards and has only recently returned to action after going back to Reading for treatment.

"Every player needs a run of games to get their form up," said former Wildern School and Eastleigh College student Williams, who includes Winchester City and AFC Totton among his old clubs.

"Hopefully I can carry it on, get my fitness up and get more goals.

"When I first came to Rotherham my target was to get double figures, but the injury was a bit of a knock-back, so anywhere around six, seven or eight goals will be good. But it's really about putting in a shift and the team performance.

"I think we are a team who should be pushing for promotion."

Rotherham boss Andy Scott, who signed Williams after losing Adam Le Fondre to Reading, reckons the Millers are ready to see the best of the fit-again marksman, whose loan runs until January.

"Brett's looking a different character altogether to when he first came and is showing in training what he can bring to us," he said.

"He's good in the air, strong and quick and he scores goals because he's someone with the knack of getting between the posts.

"The fitter he gets, the better he'll get."

Clarke Makes Football League signing

SALISBURY City have signed Swindon Town's highly-rated 20-year-old goalkeeper Mark Scott on loan until January.

Scott started his career at Southampton, aged eight, and, following his release from St Mary's six years later, was spotted by Aldershot Town playing for Whitchurch United's under-16s.

After a year with the Shots he moved to Swindon Town, but has yet to make his first-team debut for the npower League Two club.

The 6ft 3in stopper has had previous loan spells with Chippenham and, latterly, Swindon Supermarine where he was part of their memorable FA Cup run last season.

Salisbury boss Darrell Clarke, pictured right, who swooped for Scott following the collapse of the deal that would have taken ex-Eastleigh keeper Jason Matthews to Old Sarum from Bath City, said: "We're very pleased to have Mark on board, especially as he will be available for the FA Cup and Trophy."

Scott had a largely untroubled debut for Salisbury in last Saturday's 2-0 Trophy third qualifying round win over Weston-super-Mare, settled by goals from Stuart Anderson and Brian Dutton.

Fellow loanee, midfielder Wayne Turk from Forest Green Rovers, was outstanding on his return to the club he helped on their fairytale ride from the Southern League to the Conference National.

"You always know what you're going to get from Wayne," said delighted assistant manager Mikey Harris. "He has grit, determination and experience.

"Although he didn't have much to do, I thought our keeper Mark Scott did everything he had to do very well. His kicking was excellent."

Lloyd Macklin, who made history as the youngest player ever to represent Swindon Town at first-team level, has also joined Salisbury on loan.

The 20-year-old striker/winger, now with Torquay United, will be with the Whites until January.

Macklin went on a pre-season tour with Swindon as a 15-year-old and, having just turned 17, went on as a substitute for the Robins in their League Cup tie against Brentford in 2007.

He joined Torquay in June last year and has made six first-team appearances this season, scoring against Cheltenham in the Johnson's Paint Trophy.

He is available for City in both the FA Cup and Trophy.

"Lloyd will add pace and strength to our attack as well as opening up further exciting attacking options," said Clarke.

Whites' reward for beating Weston is a home Trophy tie against Ryman Premier Lowestoft Town next Saturday (December 10).

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Non-league Football

Dossie jets in for FA Cup clash

PAUL Doswell will bid to lead Sutton United to FA Cup glory tomorrow, after jetting back from a holiday in the Middle East.

The former Eastleigh boss, pictured, has been absent during the build-up to the televised second round clash with Notts County, because of the pre-arranged vacation.

Assistant manager Alan Payne and player-coach Paul Telfer, who played in the 2003 FA Cup final with Saints, have taken training in place of Doswell.

But the Sutton chief will be back in the dugout at Gander Green Lane tomorrow afternoon, as the Blue Square South side look to cause a major shock against the League One high-fliers.

Sutton reached this stage after beating Kettering Town 1-0 in the first round proper, having come through three qualifying rounds previously.

Telfer has missed the club's last three matches with injury, which has been a blow to the side.

Before that, with him in the team, Sutton had gone 15 games unbeaten.

Doswell's men also have the added bonus of FA Cup lucky mascot Tony Taggart being counted among their ranks.

The defender has already been part of two sensational cup runs during his career – reaching the third round with Farnborough in 2003, when they made a trip to Arsenal, and the fourth round in 2008 with Havant & Waterlooville, as they earned a visit to Anfield.

THE COMPLETE PACKAGE

RORY WILLIAMS

Bowers hails Rory impact

RORY Williams has already had a taste of Southern League football with Gosport Borough and Andover – and it shows.

Danny Bowers, the man fortunate enough to have signed the Portsmouth-based left winger for Sydenhams Premier high-fliers GE Hamble, reckons he wouldn't look out of place plying his trade at a higher level again, ***writes WENDY GEE***.

"Rory is easily capable of Southern League football. He seems to get a bit better with each game he plays for Hamble," said the Planemakers' co-boss.

"Some wingers have got pace and some have got trickery, but Rory's got a bit of both.

"I used to think Paul West was one of a kind here, but Rory's the complete package.

"He's good with both feet, he defends well and his workrate is phenomenal.

"I sent him a text the other day to say he's getting better and better and within a few weeks he's going to be like a Rolls Royce engine!"

Although Hamble eventually made hard work of last Saturday's 2-1 home win over Moneyfields, their first-half performance was outstanding with Williams the star of the show.

"For the first 45 minutes we were unbelievable, unplayable as a side," said Bowers.

"Our two wide men Richard Gregory and, especially, Rory were on fire. Rory scored one and made one and could have had another one or two.

"At 1-0, he took a free kick from 25 yards out and he hit it so hard that I think that's why it didn't go in. It crashed against the underside of the crossbar and bounced out again."

Every good player needs a class partner and, in Williams's case, full-back Matt Troon provides the perfect back-up down the left.

As an 18-year-old Troon graced the hallowed turf of Wembley with AFC Totton's 2007 FA Vase final side and knows all about supporting dangerous left wingers having played behind Stags' star man Mike Gosney.

"It helps Rory when he's got someone with Matt's quality playing behind him," said Bowers.

"In my mind, they're the best left-sided partnership in the league."

Hamble are also blessed with one of the Wessex League's most potent frontline double acts in Jamie Musselwhite and Ashley Jarvis (AKA Batman and Robin!), not to mention the formidable midfield duo of Lloyd Webber and Lewis Fennemore.

"Someone who'd never been to see us before last Saturday came up to me afterwards and commented on how big, strong and powerful our two central midfielders are," said Bowers. "And it's true that you don't see many like them operating as a pair in the Wessex League."

LOCAL AND NATIONAL FOOTBALL FIXTURES FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, December 5
BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE
Fulham v Liverpool (8.00).
BLUE SQUARE BET CONFERENCE
South: Chelmsford v Maidenhead.
EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE
Division One South & West: Mangotsfield v Stourport Swifts.
HAMPSHIRE FA SENIOR CUP
Third round: Gosport Borough v Christchurch.
WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE
Division One East: Winchester City v Whitchurch.

Tuesday, December 6
UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE
Group E: Chelsea v Valencia, Genk v Bayer Leverkusen.
Group F: Borussia Dortmund v Marseille, Olympiacos v Arsenal.
Group G: Apoel Nicosia v Shakhtar Donetsk, FC Porto v Zenit St Petersburg.
Group H: Barcelona v BATE, Pizen v AC Milan.
npower FOOTBALL LEAGUE
Championship: Barnsley v Crystal Palace.
JOHNSTONE'S PAINT TROPHY
Northern Section semi-finals: Oldham v Bradford, Preston v Chesterfield.
Southern Section semi-finals: Barnet v Brentford, Southend v Swindon.
BLUE SQUARE BET CONFERENCE
Premier: AFC Telford v York, Alfreton Town v Newport County, Braintree Town v Hayes & Yeading, Ebbsfleet United v Cambridge Utd, Forest Green v Tamworth, Grimsby v Mansfield, Kettering v Darlington, Kidderminster v Bath City, Lincoln City v Luton, Stockport v Gateshead, Wrexham v Southport.
South: Dorchester v Farnborough, Eastbourne Borough v Truro, Eastleigh v Thurrock, Salisbury v Tonbridge, Welling v Havant & Waterlooville.
EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE
Premier Division: Brackley v Oxford City, Evesham v Arlesey, Stourbridge v Cambridge City.
Division One South & West: Paulton Rovers v Didcot (7.30), Wimborne v Thatcham.
HAMPSHIRE FA SENIOR CUP
Third round: AFC Portchester v Ringwood, Blackfield & Langley v Havant & Waterlooville, Fareham Town v AFC Totton, New Milton Town v Romsey Town.
SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE
SWL Cup, third round: Alton v Moneyfields, Bournemouth Poppies v Lymington Town, Cowes Sports v Bemerton HH, GE Hamble v Downton.
WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE
League Cup, third round: Sholing v Hythe & Dibden.
PORTSMOUTH SENIOR CUP
Quarter-finals: Gosport Borough v Shearer Arms, Horndean v University of Portsmouth.

Wednesday, December 7
UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE
Group A: Man City v Bayern Munich, Villarreal v Napoli.
Group B: Inter Milan v CSKA Moscow, Lille v Trabzonspor.
Group C: Basle v Man Utd, Benfica v Otelul Galati.
Group D: Ajax v Real Madrid, Dinamo Zagreb v Lyon.
npower FOOTBALL LEAGUE
Championship: Hull v Birmingham.
HAMPSHIRE FA SENIOR CUP
Third round: Sholing v Basingstoke, Winchester City v Bashley.
SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE
SWL Cup, third round: Brockenhurst v Laverstock & Ford.

Thursday, December 8
WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE
Premier Division: Moneyfields v Eastleigh.

Friday, December 9
npower FOOTBALL LEAGUE
League 2: Torquay v Barnet.

Saturday, December 10
(All 3pm ko unless stated otherwise)
BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE
Arsenal v Everton, Bolton v Aston Villa, Liverpool v QPR, Man Utd v Wolverhampton, Norwich v Newcastle, Swansea v Fulham, West Brom v Wigan.
npower FOOTBALL LEAGUE
Championship: Barnsley v Ipswich (5.20), Birmingham v Doncaster, Burnley v Portsmouth, Coventry v Hull, Derby v Bristol City, Leicester v Peterborough, Middlesbrough v Brighton, Millwall v Cardiff, Nottm Forest v Crystal Palace, Reading v West Ham, Southampton v Blackpool (12.45), Watford v Leeds.
League 1: Brentford v Hartlepool, Colchester v Bury, Huddersfield v Bournemouth, Leyton Orient v Exeter, Oldham v Sheff Wed, Preston v Stevenage, Scunthorpe v Carlisle, Sheff Utd v Rochdale, Tranmere v Milton Keynes Dons, Walsall v Charlton, Wycombe v Chesterfield.
League 2: Yeovil v Notts County, AFC Wimbledon v Accrington Stanley, Aldershot v Shrewsbury, Bradford v Plymouth, Bristol Rovers v Swindon, Cheltenham v Southend, Crawley Town v Burton Albion, Dag & Red v Port Vale, Hereford v Rotherham, Macclesfield v Gillingham, Morecambe v Oxford Utd, Northampton v Crewe.
FA PREMIER ACADEMY LEAGUE
SAINTS YTH v Arsenal Yth (11.00).
FA TROPHY
First round proper: Northwich Victoria v Fleetwood Town, Colwyn Bay v Lincoln City, Vauxhall Motors v Kidderminster Harriers, Stockport County v Stalybridge Celtic, York City v Solihull Moors, Barrow AFC v Harrogate Town, Nuneaton Town v AFC Telford Utd, Guiseley AFC v FC United of Manchester, Wrexham v Hinckley Utd, Droylsden v Mansfield Town, Grimsby Town v Darlington, Gateshead v Kettering Town, Worksop Town v Tamworth, North Ferriby Utd v Chester, Alfreton Town v Southport, Boston Utd v Hyde, Salisbury City v Lowestoft Town, Luton Town v Swindon Supermarine, Didcot Town v Basingstoke Town, Chelmsford City v Bath City, Wealdstone v Uxbridge, Truro City v Ebbsfleet Utd, Hampton & Richmond Borough v Hayes & Yeading Utd, Carshalton Athletic v Bishop's Stortford, East Thurrock Utd v Welling Utd, Staines Town v Maidenhead Utd, Weymouth v Chippenham Town, Boreham Wood v Cambridge City, Brackley Town v Dartford, AFC Hornchurch v Farnborough, Newport County v Forest Green Rovers, Gosport Borough v Braintree Town.
BLUE SQUARE BET CONFERENCE
South: Dover v Bromley, Woking v Sutton.
EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE
Premier Division: AFC Totton v Hemel Hempstead, Barwell v Bedford, Bashley v Oxford City, Cambridge City v Chesham, Frome v Evesham, Hitchin v St Albans, Leamington v Stourbridge, Redditch v Banbury.
Division One South & West: Abingdon Utd v Stourport Swifts, Bishops Cleeve v Mangotsfield, Halesowen v Bridgwater, Paulton Rovers v Bideford, Taunton v Cinderford, Thatcham v Sholing, Tiverton v Hungerford, Wimborne v North Leigh, Yate v Poole.
SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE
Premier Division: Bemerton HH v Lymington Town, Bournemouth Poppies v Hayling Utd, Brading v Alton, Christchurch v Fareham, Downton v Fawley, GE Hamble v Alresford, Hamworthy Utd v Winchester City, Moneyfields v Laverstock & Ford, New Milton v Blackfield & Langley, Romsey v Horndean, Totton & Eling v Newport IoW.
Division One: AFC Portchester v Stockbridge, Amesbury v East Cowes Vics, Andover NS v Pewsey Vale, Brockenhurst v Team Solent, Cowes Sports v Petersfield, Ringwood v Tadley Calleva, Verwood v Fleet Spurs, Warminster v US Portsmouth, Whitchurch v Hythe & Dibden.
PUMA ENGINEERING HPL
PEHPL Cup, second round: Otterbourne v Hedge End Rangers.
Division One: Clanfield v Paulsgrove, Liphook v Colden Common, Liss Athletic v Hamble Club, Locks Heath v QK Southampton, Overton v Bournemouth Sports, Sporting BW v AFC Stoneham, University of Portsmouth v AFC Aldermaston, Winchester Castle v Fleetlands.
PEHPL Combination Cup, second round: AFC Stoneham v Liphook, Fleetlands v Overton, Paulsgrove v Locks Heath.
Combination Division: AFC Aldermaston v Sporting BW, Colden Common v Otterbourne, Hamble Club v Liss Athletic, QK Southampton v Winchester Castle.
MAGNATA CARE HAMPSHIRE LEAGUE 2004
Botley Village v Andover Lions, Fair Oak v Horndean, Four Marks v Michelmersh & Timsbury, Upham v Crusaders.
TrophyMan Cup: Broughton v Mottisfont, Infinity v Portsmouth RN.
WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE
Premier Division: Newport IoW v Bashley, Sholing v AFC Totton.
Division One East: Alresford v Horndean, Alton v Hayling Utd, Fareham Town v AFC Portchester, Petersfield v GE Hamble, Tadley Calleva v Whitchurch.
Division One West: East Cowes Vics v Totton & Eling, Fawley v Brockenhurst, Hythe Dibden v Ringwood, Laverstock & Ford v Romsey Town, Lymington Town v Verwood.
DORSET SENIOR TROPHY
Third round: Kingston Lacey v Wimborne Town Res.

Non-league News

Wessex 1 to League 2?

DEFENDER Jon Guthrie has joined Crewe Alexandra on a two-month trial – after impressing scouts while playing in the Sydenhams Division One.

The Pewsey Vale teenager, who hails from Milton Lilbourne, Wiltshire, was invited up to Gresty Road where he came successfully through three trial games with the Railwaymen.

He will remain in Cheshire until the conclusion of the January transfer window and hopes to impress enough to earn a contract with the npower League Two club.

Guthrie, 19, has been helped on his way by a host of local businesses and organisations who are paying his accommodation and living costs during his time at Crewe.

They include Charlie's Charity, the foundation set up in memory of his friend and former Pewsey teammate Charlie Lamb, who was tragically killed in a road accident in 2009.

"It's really overwhelming that so many people are hoping I do well," said Guthrie.

"Charlie was my best friend, so that's really nice too."

Green pastures new

FORMER Lymington Town striker Stuart Green has pitched up at Fareham Town.

Green had a choice of clubs on offer after returning to the country following a spell coaching in the USA.

After assessing his options, he has chosen to join Matt Parr's evolving young side at Cams Alders.

Also new in at Fareham is Aaron Camp who recently played against Town for Gosport Borough in the Russell Cotes Cup.

And, making a welcome return to the club from Sholing, is Matt Burt who was part of the successful under-17/18 set-up last season and made two substitute appearances for Town's first team at Hamworthy and Romsey.

5,000-seat stadium

BLUE Square Bet South club Basingstoke Town have unveiled plans to relocate to a new 5,000 capacity community stadium.

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Non-league Football

Top two escape with unbeaten records intact

HAYWARD SATURDAY LGE

THE match of the day was the top of DIVISION SIX clash where A & T Athletic and Portcastrian Reserves both managed to keep unbeaten records intact in a thrilling 3-3 draw.

Steve Sault (2) and Trevor Fisher were the A & T marksmen with Steve Pockneall, River Smith and Richard Norton replying for Ports.

Third-placed Lower Parkstone CFC failed to capitalise, going down 3-0 to goals from Will Fry, Dave Horgan and Tom Hart against AFC Burton Reserves.

Sam Doe's first-half strike for PREMIER DIVISION pacesetters Bournemouth Manor was enough to condemn Bournemouth Electric to another odd goal defeat. Reigning champions Westover Bournemouth losing at Sway was an added bonus for Manor who are now nine points clear at the top. Ed Ewens (2) and Dale Walters netted for Westover but Sway just got the better of them in a 4-3 thriller thanks to Danny Veal, Dan Thorogood, Bill Stride and David Steadman.

Portcastrian nip past Electric and Westover into third place after Martin Lawrence steered them to a 1-0 win over Old Oakmeadians, while Crispin Rigler and Luke Dawe gave Hamworthy Recreation the edge 2-1 against Parley Sports who replied with an Adam Janes penalty.

Dave Saunders netted for Mudeford Men's Club but the DIVISION ONE leaders had to settle for a point when Ben Hatch earned Bournemouth Electric Reserves a 1-1 draw.

Ben Mowlam preserved Harrington United's unbeaten record when he cancelled out Ryan Moir's strike in a 1-1 draw with Alderholt, while FC Bournemouth walloped Holt United 5-0 thanks to Paul Conroy's hat-trick and a couple of goals from Wes Jones.

Westover Bournemouth Reserves have a three-point lead at the top of DIVISION TWO after Reece Johns and Terry Colbourne gave them the verdict 2-1 against Fordingbridge Turks.

Mike Thompson's brace was not enough to save Queens Park Athletic from a 5-2 defeat against Bournemouth Manor Reserves whose goals came from Jason Cliffe (2), Theo Gray, James Stacey and Ryan Sheppard.

Second-placed Bisterne Rangers were 3-0 winners against Seabournes in DIVISION THREE courtesy of Paul Adlem (2) and Luke Walker, while Luke Charity's hat-trick proved decisive in Downton Sports' 4-2 success against Mudeford Men's Club Reserves.

Alec Holloway struck for Queens Park Athletic Reserves but the DIVISION FOUR leaders suffered their second defeat of the campaign when Ferndown Sports Reserves toppled them 2-1 with a couple of goals from Ross Burns.

Richmond Park Con Reserves are five points clear in DIVISION FIVE after Gary Cutler's 35-yard lob settled the issue 1-0 against Allendale Reserves and FC Boscelona move up to third place on goal difference after Sean McCann and Tom Williams earned them a 2-2 draw with Shamrock.

HAYWARD SUNDAY

DIVISION TWO pacesetters AC netted through Scott Burbidge and Paul Stanyard but their unbeaten record was tarnished when Redhill toppled them 4-2.

Goals from Roy Leigh-Bryant, Mark Frampton, Dean Hindle and Steve Bristow took Redhill top on goal difference at the expense of AC.

Lovitt go second after Stuart McKillop scored both goals in their 2-1 win over Magdon Scaffolding, while Vienna Windows move off the bottom of the table after hammering Rias 7-1 through Jason Cliffe, Ross Singleton, and own goal and Stuart Marshall's four-goal blast.

Skipper Alan Etherton came to the rescue with a late equaliser to preserve East Christchurch SSC's unbeaten PREMIER LEAGUE record in a 1-1 draw with Queens Park Rovers. QPR had taken an early lead through Robbie Harber.

The other Premier League game between Priory Quays and West Moors SSC also finished 1-1 with Ryan O'Reilly scoring for a depleted Priory side and Kane Daysh replying for the visitors.

Hundred per cent Shoulder of Mutton remain two points clear in DIVISION ONE after Sam Goodwin (2), Tom Hall, Peter Pritchard and Lee Wilkins ensured a 5-2 victory over Harry's Bar.

Liam Currell and Jacob Harrop bagged two apiece to give nearest rivals Springers the edge 4-3 against Kavell, while Simon Young plundered five in third-placed Foresters Arms' 8-3 triumph over Parley Sports with William Stride, Aaron Duncan and Carlo Tate adding one each.

Meanwhile, Mark Wheeler's four-goal burst for Bluewood Athletic was to no avail when New Star United ran out 7-4 winners through Ben Tipper (2), Danny Cook, Leigh Pearson, Adam Nash, Andy Birch and Jack Holland.

Ferndown Locomotive are four points adrift of DIVISION THREE leaders Queens Park Rovers Reserves with two games in hand after their 5-1 victory over Poole Wanderers thanks to Simon Ward and a four-goal blast from Matt Groves.

Joe Sullivan led the way with a hat-trick in Lawson Builders' 8-1 trouncing of KC Transport, while Luke Stone's four goals proved decisive in AFC HADCA's 6-4 success against Three Cross, with the other two goals coming from Ian Jones.

Specialist Lettings extended their unbeaten run in DIVISION FOUR when Ben Platt (2) and Danny Young gave them the upper hand 3-1 against bottom-placed Witchampton.

Victoria Cross did well to beat Oakdale Con 1-0 with the vital goal coming from Daniel Cobb, while Carling Sports thrashed Harbourside 8-1 thanks to Ben Collie's five-goal blast and further goals from Steve Rogers, Ross Laurent and Ian Chorley.

Mark Burrett netted for AFC Ringwood but DIVISION FIVE front-runners dropped their first points of the campaign when Adam Steeves earned Victoria Park Royals an impressive 1-1 draw.

Nick Scott and Ben Jury struck for nearest rivals Rockbourne but they also had to settle for a point when Peter Richmond-Cole scored twice to earn promotion rivals AFC Stourvale a 2-2 draw.

At the other end of the table, Magpies doubled their points total when Scott Ison (2) and Mark Parkinson clinched a 3-1 success against fellow strugglers Broadstone Con.

Ace are four points adrift of DIVISION SIX pacesetters Kings Arms Wallisdown with a game in hand after Carl Douglas (2), Tom Craven (2), Martyn MacKinley, Dean Barter and Sean Holder blitzed AFC Burton Reserves 7-1.

Charlie Foreman bagged a hat-trick in Townsend Spartans' 6-2 triumph over DH Britannia with Steve Hooper, Lee Phibbs and Simon Walsh adding one each, while A & T Athletic ambushed Wessex Wanderers 7-2 courtesy of a Dale Walters hat-trick and further goals from Jason Freemantle (2), Matt Bates and Shaun Page.

Newtown Rovers have DIVISION SEVEN leaders White Heather Hornets in their sights after they subdued Richmond Park Con 2-0 with goals from Ricky Powell and Martin Frigot.

Ensbury Park Rangers' promotion aspirations suffered a setback though when Fiveways Rangers upended them 5-0 through Lee Cobb (2), Callum Llewellyn, Jack Young and an own goal, while James & James accounted for tailenders AS Muscliff 6-0 thanks to Carl Hanna's hat-trick and further goals from Neil Drew (2) and Alf Allkushi.

Mount are within a point of leaders Cranborne at the top of DIVISION EIGHT after Duncan Moody scored both goals in their 2-0 win over Carling Sports Reserves.

Winkton Autos were 5-0 winners against AFC Bransgore thanks to Mark McAdam (2), Phil Gaduj, Marco Mancini and Will Shaylor, while Pottery United spanked bottom-placed ECP 7-3 thanks to Mark King (2), Zach Meader, Barry Ellement and a Graeme Meggs hat-trick.

Tom Milne struck twice when DIVISION NINE high flyers Scott V swept West Howe aside 4-0 with the other goals coming via Kieran Davies and an own goal.

Kings Park Dynamos remain three points behind in second place after Chris Platt (2), Sky Harris and Scott Rogers gave them the edge 4-3 against Tower Park, while West Mullen move off the bottom of the table after surprising third-placed Boscombe Celtic Reserves 6-2 courtesy of a Michael Fleetham hat-trick and further goals from Mark Bailey, Jamie Robinson and Matt Dennis.

JP Morgan led with first-half goals from Stuart Knubley, Lloyd Wallen and Stuart Poyser but A & T Athletic A came back after the break with a Shane Barney hat-trick and a goal from Lee Harding to win 4-3.

REDHILL'S AWESOME FOURSOME

ABOVE AND BELOW: Action from Portcastrian's (white/black) 1-0 Saturday Premier Division win over Old Oaks.

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Non-league Football

■ DREW SMITH GROUP SOUTHAMPTON SATURDAY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

by Rod Sutherland

Questmap plotting course for title

VETERANS DIVISIONS: Questmap are emerging as title fancies for the A Division after a 2-0 win at Sholing.

Nursling dropped points again as they were held 0-0 by bogey team Sporting BTC who were the only team to take points off them last season.

Colden Common hit Redlynch for six with a single reply as Elliott Costick struck three times. Paul Dunn was the BTC hero scoring twice as they defeated neighbours Old Tauntonians to leave the bottom four of this division all on six points in what should be a thrilling battle all the way to the end of the season.

The top of the B Division looks just as exciting with the top six teams separated by just four points.

Rising Sun Winchester lead after a 2-0 win at Albion with a goal difference of one better than previous leaders Langley Manor.

Hedge End Rangers defeated Locks Heath 1-0 courtesy of Brett Hyde's goal, while Hythe Aztecs won 3-1 at Northend thanks to Gary Day's double.

Bishop's Waltham Dynamo were held two each by Wildern OBs, while the day's big winners were Langley Tavern who won 6-1 at AFC Stoneham with Darren Clarke hitting a hat-trick.

The outstanding result of the C Division was Sholing B's 6-5 win at Redbridge OB. Andy Whiting was unlucky enough to score three times but still end up on the losing side with Rich Cox scoring a hat-trick for the victors. They remain seven points behind leaders Sporting BTC B who won 3-0 at Royal Mail.

Priory Rovers won again, 2-0 against Winchester OBs, to lift themselves out of the bottom two as Paddy Hewson grabbed both their goals.

Baddesley Park's poor form continued with a 3-1 defeat by Michelmersh & Timsbury, Paul Rispin grabbing a brace for the Marsh.

The battle of the Langleys produced a 3-3 draw with Dave Kinally scoring two for Manor while former Road Sea man Mark Blondel was among the Tavern scorers.

FLASH GORDONS

IN JUNIOR 3 there was a shock 2-1 win for improving AFC Gordons against fancied Riverside.

Jamie Ross and Dan Hewes were the men to dent Riverside's title hopes.

Leaders Compton Reserves fell 2-0 at FC Wellington, buoyed by the previous week's cup thriller in which keeper Jamie Mogridge saved three penalties to earn them a semi-final place against Forest Town Reserves. The latter were also in good form, thumping Chandler's Ford Rangers 6-2 with handy Andy Miller netting twice.

Infinity Reserves relieved their relegation fears with a 3-1 win at fellow strugglers Bricklayers.

All the top flight games were very close, two being drawn – East Boldre and AFC Grains failed to score while Wombles were finished 2-2 against Compton to remain undefeated.

South City United edged Park Sports 3-2 despite a pair from Luke Fowler, while Soton Energy defeated Otterbourne A by the same score.

Just as tight in Junior 2 with two 2-2 draws – Inmar v Hamble United and Langley Manor v Chamberlayne Athletic.

A Rich Allen goal proved the difference as Hedge End Rangers Reserves squeezed out Soton Saints 1-0.

Ben Scarborough hit two for leaders Q K Soton A as they ran out 3-2 winners at Questmap.

Junior 4 produced goals galore – 34 in just five games to be precise.

Leaders Harefield defeated Brigadier Gerard 6-1 with James Thompson grabbing a handful. West Totton won 6-2 at New Forest, Mark Cumber with a hat-trick.

Emmett Madden was another treble hero as AFC Gulf Western won 6-2 at Botley Village Reserves.

Steve Spacagna was the hat-trick hero for Chandler's Ford in their 5-1 mauling of Priory Rovers, while Good Companions lost 5-0 at Cricketers Fair Oak – Kieran Hobbs (2) and Dan Hobbs on target. That's thirty four goals in five games.

The return of Stu Crease to Upham Reserves resulted in two goals and a 4-2 win at Botley Village A in Junior 5.

Leaders Bitterne Park Hotel emerged 4-1 winners at Hamble United Reserves, Colin Harbut hitting a brace.

Horton Heath's improved form sees them jump to third on the back of a fine 3-1 win against Freemantle, Carl Lickiss at the double. James Williams was Stanton's hat-trick hero in their 5-0 victory at Riverside Reserves.

The top Junior 6 clash of the day saw two Jimmy Greenough goals secure top spot for SG Sports with a 2-1 win at Ampthill Athletic who are a vastly improved side from previous seasons.

Hovering just behind SG are Coxford Jets who won 4-1 against Station with Shaun Bampton grabbing a brace. New Forest Reserves dropped valuable points in the title race after they were held 3-3 by Burridge Village. Gary Stoner scored two for New Forest with Dan Hardy reciprocating for the Villains.

Kevin Davies struck twice as AFC Soton won their bottom of the table clash with Mechanics 3-2. Sporting Wessex were narrow 4-3 victors against Braishfield Reserves in a mid-table clash.

SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY: Have taken to Premier Division life in style. Back row (from left): Matteo Prestinoni, Adebayo Adeoshun, Felix Jordan, Harry Herbert (captain), James Adebayo, Zach Lari, Jack Naerger. Front: Mike Nelson, Matty Lowman, Mark Buckley, Jimmy Hall, Josh Benson.

Gentry plays leading role in thriller

SENIOR DIVISIONS: Nursling just got the better of Bishopstoke WMC in a nine-goal Premier Division thriller that finished 5-4.

There were eight different scorers with Nursling's Dave Gentry the only player to score twice.

Bush Hill remain top of the league, three points clear of Soton University, after a 5-1 mauling of AFC Hiltingbury.

Two goals from Hayne Barbacalara earned London Airways three points at BTC with a 2-1 win.

Netley CS remain in pole position at the head of Senior 1 after a 5-0 thrashing of Comrades Reserves. Burridge AFC defeated Michelmersh & Timsbury Reserves by the same margin with a pair apiece from Lee Fielder and Sam Schwodler.

White Horse harnessed Durley Reserves 3-2 to sit just behind the front-runners. Hythe Aztecs sit second with Craig Harding netting twice in a 3-0 defeat of BTC Reserves, while Adam Jones grabbed a brace as Cadnam won 3-0 at Hedge End Town.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Senior Premier							
Bush Hill	8	8	0	0	26	9	24
Southampton Uni	8	7	0	1	22	7	21
Forest Town	8	5	1	2	28	11	16
Nursling	9	5	1	3	22	18	16
London Airways	8	4	0	4	15	20	12
Cutbush Athletic	7	2	2	3	14	20	8
Comrades	5	2	0	3	8	12	6
AFC Hiltingbury	8	1	2	5	15	26	5
Bishopstoke WMC	8	1	0	7	12	22	3
BTC Soton	9	1	0	8	3	20	3
Senior 1							
Netley CS Res	8	7	1	0	36	4	22
Hythe Aztecs	10	6	1	3	43	22	19
White Horse NM	10	6	1	3	39	19	19
Cadnam United	8	5	2	1	21	12	17
Thornhill H K	6	5	1	0	26	9	16
Lyndhurst	6	3	1	2	23	11	10
Comrades Res	11	3	1	7	25	40	10
Durley Res	9	3	1	5	23	38	10
Burridge AFC	7	2	3	2	22	17	9
Hedge End Town	7	2	0	5	14	31	6
Michelmersh &T Res	10	1	0	9	9	42	3
BTC Soton Res	8	1	0	7	6	42	3
Junior 1							
South City United	7	5	1	1	18	10	16
AFC Grains	8	4	3	1	20	10	15
East Boldre	8	4	2	2	19	14	14
Wombles	7	3	4	0	15	10	13
Compton	7	3	1	3	24	17	10
Park Sports	6	3	1	2	17	12	10
Veracity Vipers	6	3	0	3	20	13	9
Southampton Energy	5	1	2	2	14	15	5
Braishfield	6	1	0	5	7	14	3
Otterbourne A	8	0	0	8	5	44	0
Junior 2							
QK Southampton A	8	6	0	2	24	9	18
Hedge End Rang R	6	4	1	1	10	4	13
Langley Manor	5	3	1	1	25	5	10
Solent Saints	6	2	2	2	12	14	8
Hamble United	6	2	2	2	11	13	8
Chamberlayne Ath	8	2	2	4	15	21	8
Inmar	5	2	1	2	12	16	7
Questmap	5	1	1	3	15	15	4
Wellow	5	0	0	5	5	32	0
Junior 3							
Compton Res	11	7	3	1	35	12	24
Warsash Wasps	9	5	4	0	25	14	19
FC Wellington	7	4	1	2	21	11	13
Chandlers Fd Rang	8	4	1	3	30	23	13
AFC Gordons	9	4	0	5	15	24	12
Forest Town Res	7	2	5	0	16	10	11
Riverside	6	3	1	2	21	8	10
Capital	8	2	1	5	13	30	7
Infinity Res	7	1	3	3	15	28	6
Cricketers Eastgh	8	1	1	6	8	20	4
Bricklayers AFC	8	1	0	7	8	27	3
Junior 4							
Harefield	9	6	2	1	32	9	20
West Totton	7	6	0	1	28	13	18
Chandlers Ford	7	4	2	1	22	11	14
AFC Gulf Western	5	4	1	0	22	10	13
Botley Village Res	8	4	1	3	25	26	13
Good Companions	9	3	2	4	21	19	11
New Forest	8	2	2	4	16	23	8
Priory Rovers	8	2	1	5	20	24	7
Brigadier Gerard	11	2	1	8	13	39	7
Cricketer Fair Oak	8	1	0	7	11	36	3
Junior 5							
Bitterne Pk Hotel	8	7	1	0	34	9	22
Botley Village A	11	7	1	3	44	24	22
Horton Heath	11	6	2	3	34	28	20
Freemantle AFC	9	4	2	3	24	20	14
Stanton FC	6	4	0	2	31	15	12
Upham Res	8	4	0	4	30	21	12
Hamble United Res	10	2	3	5	15	34	9
Athletico Romsey	11	2	2	7	17	40	8
Riverside Res	7	1	2	4	8	22	5
London Airways Res	9	1	1	7	10	34	4
Junior 6							
SG Sports	10	8	1	1	44	16	25
Coxford Jets	10	8	0	2	36	24	24
New Forest Res	9	7	1	1	46	17	22
Ampthill Athletic	10	6	0	4	37	23	18
Sporting Wessex	8	4	1	3	17	14	13
Braishfield Res	11	4	0	7	33	41	12
Burridge Village	8	3	2	3	19	19	11
AFC Station	8	3	2	3	16	20	11
Mechanics	9	2	1	6	20	31	7
AFC Soton	10	2	0	8	18	37	6
Michelmersh & T A	9	0	0	9	7	51	0
Veterans A							
Questmap Vets	6	6	0	0	23	5	18
Sporting BTC A	7	5	1	1	23	7	16
Nursling Vets	7	5	1	1	23	9	16
Sholing A	8	4	1	3	20	7	13
G E Aviation A	6	3	1	2	14	9	10
QK Southampton	8	3	0	5	19	19	9
Colden Common	6	2	0	4	13	12	6
BTC Soton Vets	7	2	0	5	9	23	6
Redlynch & W Utd	8	2	0	6	12	34	6
Old Tauntonians	9	2	0	7	10	41	6
Veterans B							
RS Winchester	7	5	1	1	20	10	16
Langley Manor A	7	5	1	1	20	11	16
Bishops Walthm Dyn	9	3	4	2	30	20	13
Locks Heath	8	4	1	3	18	9	13
Hythe Aztec	6	4	1	1	17	13	13
Hedge End Rangers	8	4	1	3	19	20	13
Langley Tavern A	6	3	3	0	19	9	12
AFC Stoneham	8	3	1	4	19	25	10
Northend United	9	1	3	5	13	24	6
Wildern O B	7	0	5	2	17	23	5
Compton Vets	7	0	4	3	10	20	4
Albion Sports	10	1	1	8	9	27	4
Veterans C							
Sporting BTC B	10	9	0	1	37	9	27
Sholing B	9	6	2	1	26	11	20
GE Aviation B	7	6	0	1	21	7	18
Baddesley Park	10	5	1	4	21	20	16
Redbridge O B	8	5	0	3	29	26	15
Royal Mail	10	4	1	5	17	20	13
Winchester O B	9	3	1	5	13	15	10
Michelmersh & T	6	3	0	3	17	16	9
Priory Rover	10	2	1	7	14	36	7
Langley Manor B	11	0	4	7	18	35	4
Langley Tavern B	8	0	2	6	15	33	2

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Non-league Football

CITY OF SOUTHAMPTON SUNDAY LEAGUE

Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brookhill Saints	9	8	0	1	42	11	24
Knighton Arms	5	5	0	0	32	1	15
Avenue	7	4	1	2	25	15	13
Totton Town	8	4	0	4	19	26	12
City Central	7	3	0	4	31	19	9
Bedes Lea 97	8	1	0	7	8	47	3
Masters at Work	3	0	1	2	3	18	1
Old Mill	5	0	0	5	5	28	0

Senior Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bursledon Towers	8	8	0	0	24	13	24
Sholing Celtic	9	4	1	4	25	19	13
Totton Cosmos	7	4	0	3	13	12	12
Westwood Old Boys	7	3	0	4	16	15	9
Horns Inn	6	2	2	2	9	7	8
KRL	6	2	1	3	12	11	7
Chamberlayne Athletic	6	2	1	3	15	16	7
Eastbrook Harriers	9	1	1	7	10	31	4

Junior Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Riverside Magic	8	7	0	1	38	10	21
Linden Tree	7	6	0	1	34	11	18
Winston Hotel	7	5	1	1	39	16	16
Castle Inn	10	4	1	5	29	27	13
Anchor Redbridge	8	3	2	3	14	20	11
Echo	9	2	3	4	19	31	9
Revolution	8	2	0	6	23	41	6
Hedge End Club	8	1	1	6	13	38	4
Botley	3	0	0	3	7	22	0

Junior Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
FC Salt	9	7	1	1	32	17	22
Brookhill Saints Res	6	6	0	0	30	12	18
Old House at Home	9	5	2	2	29	20	17
Athletico HC	9	5	1	3	39	23	16
Ice House NH	8	4	0	4	31	19	12
Sports Mania	7	4	0	3	24	23	12
FC Railway	9	3	2	4	33	24	11
Itchen Manor	9	3	0	6	27	26	9
Carnival UK	9	2	0	7	15	46	6
Woodman	9	0	0	9	11	61	0

Junior Division 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sherfield English	12	8	1	3	50	16	25
AFC Bursledon	12	8	1	3	38	21	25
Chartwell Green	8	7	1	0	39	9	22
Bridge AFC	6	5	1	0	41	13	16
Cherbourg	7	5	1	1	24	18	16
LH Galaxy	11	4	2	5	18	21	14
Eastbrook Harriers R	10	3	0	7	16	36	9
Regents Park	10	1	2	7	15	46	5
AFC Riverside	9	0	2	7	14	31	2
AFC Marchwood	9	0	1	8	9	53	1

Junior 4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Southampton Bhoys	8	7	0	1	23	6	21
Newtown Athletic	6	6	0	0	35	4	18
Woodmill	9	6	1	2	29	15	16
Bishops Blaize	6	4	1	1	33	7	13
Chamberlayne Ath Res	8	3	2	3	16	21	11
Eastpoint	7	3	1	3	12	16	10
Royale Marine	6	1	3	2	13	14	6
Itchen Manor Res	6	0	1	5	7	25	4
Obelisk	8	1	0	7	8	47	3
Burridge AFC	8	0	1	7	6	29	1

Junior Division 5

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sporting View	8	7	1	0	41	9	22
Portswood United	9	6	1	2	34	18	19
Sherfield English Res	11	5	1	5	45	38	16
Sporting Compass	8	5	1	2	20	18	16
Durley	9	3	4	2	23	20	13
AV Chivas	9	2	3	4	16	24	9
AFC Bishopstoke	8	2	1	5	25	21	7
HSC Southern Stars	7	2	1	4	16	25	7
Eastleigh Irish	9	0	1	8	18	65	1

Junior Division 6

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
AFC Southampton	8	8	0	0	49	16	24
Hythe & Dibden	9	7	0	2	33	23	21
RS Ocean Village	5	4	0	1	26	12	12
Ampfield	7	4	0	3	26	21	12
Marchwood	9	3	1	5	30	33	10
Unity	8	3	0	5	21	34	9
Botley Babes	10	2	1	7	29	51	7
Sporting Compass Res	8	2	0	6	20	28	6
Test Valley Spartans	8	2	0	6	15	31	6

■ CITY OF SOUTHAMPTON SUNDAY FOOTBALL LEAGUE ROUND-UP

Compiled by Will Ramsey

OSBORNE DOUBLE LEAVES TOWERS SITTING PRETTY

LEE Osborne's brace in Bursledon Towers' second-half comeback against Chamberlayne Athletic ensured that the league leaders pulled eight points clear of Sholing Celtic at the top of the Senior Division.

Chamberlayne were 2-0 up at half-time with goals from Mitchell Turvey and Darren Nutbeen, while Shahine Bastini added a third after the break. But Bursledon came back to score four in the second half through Osborne (2), Sam McStay and Riki Butler.

Second place Sholing Celtic were held to a 3-3 draw at second from bottom Eastbrook Harriers. Dan Close, Jacob Quinton and David Peckham scored for Eastbrook Harriers, while Steve Wheatland scored two and Matthew Gray bagged another for Sholing Celtic.

Junior 1 leaders Riverside Magic and second-placed Linden Tree both bounced back from their 3-2 defeats of the previous week.

Tom Howells' second-half goal was only a consolation for Anchor Redbridge, who conceded five to Riverside Magic, for whom Gary Gotts got two, while Steve Bell, Luke Pothecary and Matt Coulthard weighed in with singles.

Two second-half goals secured a 4-1 win for Linden Tree over Echo. Lee Slade scored twice while Dan Diaper and Dan Jackson also netted for Linden Tree. Paul Myburgh was the scorer for Echo.

Ryan Lucas' second-half goal was not enough for Revolution, as Liam Mew scored two and Rich Warner got another for Castle Inn in their 3-1 that takes them within a point of Anchor Redbridge in fourth.

In Junior 2, a win for Brookhill Saints Reserves sees them move up to second, after a draw in the top-of-the-table clash between Athletico HC and league leaders Salt FC.

Athletico led 2-1 at half-time, but goals from Ryan Dickson, Craig Moorey and a double from Jack Vass could only earn them a draw as FC Salt's James Langer scored a hat-trick and Ben McElevey added the other.

Brookhill Saints Reserves smashed Carnival UK 8-2.

ON TARGET: Sports Mania's Dave Fielden, right, who netted in their 3-1 Junior 2 win over Itchen Manor.

Goals from Ashley Goodman, Stuart Gregory and Adam Scriven, as well as a brace from Aaron Chapman and a hat-trick from Shaun Haynes made certain of the win. Gary Crook scored twice for Carnival but the defeat means they are further adrift at the bottom of the table.

Fellow strugglers Woodman also suffered a heavy 6-0 home defeat to Ice House NH, who got four goals courtesy of Aaron Baddams and another two from Tony Yorke and Billy D'Souza.

Jon Allen scored twice and Dave Fielden got one for Sports Mania, who won 3-1 in their crucial mid-table battle with Itchen Manor. Lewis Middleton's lone second half strike failed to prevent them dropping to eighth.

FC Railway were held to a 2-2 draw against Old House at Home. Daniel Hancock and Ben McHale scored for Railway, while Matt Pile got both for Old House at Home.

● WESTWOOD Old Boys sent Totton Cosmos crashing out of the AJ Miller Trophy at the first-round stage.

The game was 0-0 at half-time, but goals from Shane Collins (2) and Warren Attrill gave Westwood a 3-0 victory.

Leading pair in class of their own

AFC SOUTHAMPTON and Hythe and Dibden Sunday both won to stay joint top of Junior 6.

The former improved their goal difference with a crushing 10-1 win over Unity. Callum Plomer, Denis Jack and Lloyd Russell each got one, while Kris Easton hit a treble and Darren Bundy got four.

Neil Darby and Andy Morrow were among the scorers in Hythe and Dibden Sunday's 4-1 win at Sporting Compass Reserves, who scored their only goal in the second half through Will Cousens.

Ampfield moved up to fourth after Nathan Gray and Darren Hamshare each scored two in their 4-1 win at Marchwood for whom James Harris netted their consolation.

RS Ocean Village triumphed 6-1 in their away game against bottom of the league Test Valley Spartans with goals from Dan Sanders, Akbar Shah, Eero Mannikko, Ben Dawkins, Nick Rogerson and Ryan Britton. The teams went in at the break locked at 1-1 – Ali Smith netting for Spartans, but they were unable to hold out in the second half as RS Ocean Village ran riot.

Nutbeam treble KOs Galaxy

SEAN Nutbeam's second-half hat-trick earned AFC Bursledon a dramatic 3-1 comeback victory at LH Galaxy in Junior 3, who had led at the interval through Callum Ovenden.

The win ensures that Bursledon stay level on points with league leaders Sherfield English, who extended their goal difference advantage with a 8-2 win against AFC Marchwood. Jason McHugh and Craig Hooper scored the consolation goals in the second half, but a hat-trick from Adam Quick and goals from Terry King, Shaun Woodhouse, Tom Webb, Mike Williams and Chris Hamilton guaranteed Sherfield English the win.

A second loss in as many weeks means LH Galaxy drop to sixth, after victories for Cherbourg and Bridge AFC.

Cherbourg had been drawing 1-1 at half-time after Mike Collins had scored for AFC Riverside, but they scored three in the second half to win the game 4-1, with Danny Mead, Danny Windridge and Alex Hood on target.

There were four hat-tricks in Bridge AFC's 13-1 thumping of Regents Park, with Wayne O'Dell, James Whitaker, Danny Longman and Harry Wheeler each bagging three, while James Rosher scored the other. Craig Verrall tried to restore some dignity for Regents Park with his single second-half goal.

A second double-figure drubbing in Junior 3 saw Chartwell Green hammer Eastbrook Harriers Reserves 11-0. Gary Klepp scored four for Chartwell in their emphatic win, with Peter Rosher and Marcus Bevan each scoring two, and Sam Lovell and Kane Ellis also getting in on the action. The victory means Chartwell Green remain in third.

Wing commander

Sporting View are still unbeaten in Junior 5 after their 13-2 win over bottom side Eastleigh Irish.

Liam Wing and Tom O'Dell both netted four for Sporting View, and there was a further two goals from Craig Holloway and James Baddams, as well as an own goal from Eastleigh Irish.

AV Chivas look to be the league's in-form team after they bagged another shock victory, this time against second-placed Sherfield English Reserves. Jon Andrews got on the score sheet for the second week running, before a second-half winner from James Martin secured the win for AV. Sherfield's only goal came in the second half from James Solloway.

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Non-league Football

Rovers strengthen summit footing

MEON VALLEY LEAGUE

MILTON Rovers continued their unbeaten run in Division 1 with a 3-0 success over second-placed Waterlooville Social Club.

Goals from Blu Boam, Chaz Gardner and Lewie Madden were the difference as Rovers moved three points clear of their opponents, ***writes JAMES SHIPP***.

Elsewhere in the top-tier, Soberton Untied saw off Burridge 5-2, thanks to doubles from Alan Jess and Mario Torres, plus a single strike from Mitch Creighton.

In Division 2, Justin Slator and Paul Hodder both found the net as Alresford Athletic drew 2-2 with Baffins Milton Reserves.

Crofton Saints claimed maximum points against Lotus XI, winning 3-1 thanks to finishes from Martin Johnson, Matt Bevis and Tom Crook.

SDC moved up to fourth in Division 3 with a 3-1 victory against Shelford Rovers, while Southwick Lions got the better of Hedgeside 4-2.

Josh Hibberd struck twice, while Aaron Moule and Craig Capper also got on the score sheet.

In Division 4, AFC Portchester lost out 4-1 to Horndean XI Reserves, despite Steve Hughes' finish.

A few teams were in Portsmouth Cup action, with Horndean United making it 24 goals in just two games, following up the previous week's 16-0 win against West Meon & Warnford with an 8-1 demolition of Gypsy Queen FC.

Dan Carer and Alan Welch helped themselves to a brace each, with Curtis-Jay Cottle, Calum Wallace, Shaun Horrell and Ben Archer also finding the back of the net.

There were even more goals in Waterlooville Social Club Reserves' home fixture with EMT Toolhire, with Ville going down 6-4.

Darren Yates hit two, with Warren Sands and David Silvester also registering, but it wasn't enough to help them through.

Harry Cox scored Titchfield's only goal as they lost 3-1 to Bridgemary Eagles, and finally, Wickham Dynamos suffered a heavy 7-1 defeat to Meonstoke, with Ben Jackman grabbing their consolation.

FORCE IS WITH LUKE

HAMBLE Club keeper Luke Stansbridge was the hero in their shoot-out victory over Foresters AFC in the League Cup.

Hamble came back from a goal behind at half-time to draw 2-2 at the end of 90 minutes, with Tim Rodman and Ben Williams the scorers for Hamble, while Peter Cole and Ash Simmonds scored for Foresters.

The game then went to penalties after neither team was able to come up with a decider during extra time, and with the shoot-out tightly poised at four goals each, Stansbridge saved Foresters' fifth penalty, before stepping up to convert Hamble's fifth and win the match.

Otter FC fought back from two goals down against West End FC to progress to the second round.

Goals from Lee Rushford and Toby Withy left Otter trailing at the interval, but they rallied in the second half when Paul Baker, Ian Barnaby, Steve Taylor and Mark Turnbull scored to give them a 4-2 victory.

In the Junior Cup first round, C&G FC knocked out Coopervision with a 2-0 victory, Dan Collinson and Paul Johnson were the scorers.

James Farwell scored two and Matt Watson also netted to lead Fair Oak Albion to a 3-0 victory over Hoff Sports.

Kingsgate were defeated 4-2 by Prestige South. The game had been level at 1-1 at half-time, but Mike Broughton's brace was not enough for Kingsgate as Prestige added three more to their tally after the interval – Craig King scoring two, while Shawn Jones and Jacob West got the others.

In the only two league fixtures of the week, Division 2 Trants FC conceded a second defeat in as many games when they were convincingly beaten 8-0 at home by Roll Call, who move above them in the table into second. Mike Bessant and Mark Williams both scored hat-tricks, while Alan Hitchcock and Pete McColm got a goal each.

In Division 3, AFC. Anchor managed to recover from an earlier own goal to draw their match with Roll Call Reserves 1-1. Brandon Raafi was the scorer for AFC Anchor.

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Lord Nelson	7	5	0	2	39	21	15
AFC Allbrook	6	4	0	2	26	19	12
Foresters AFC	6	3	1	2	16	13	10
Hamble Club	6	3	0	3	28	27	9
Botley VS	3	1	1	1	12	7	4
Fountain Court	2	1	0	1	6	6	3
Otter	6	0	0	6	5	39	0

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
CS FC	5	5	0	0	42	4	15
Roll Call	5	4	0	1	25	4	12
Trants	8	3	1	4	24	34	10
Landguard Rovers	6	3	0	3	20	15	9
West End FC	6	2	1	3	13	26	7
Afc Portswood	6	0	0	6	6	47	0

Division 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Roll Call Reserves	9	5	2	2	29	19	17
Afc Toynbee	5	4	0	1	25	10	12
Prestige South	6	3	1	2	16	17	10
Holbury United	7	2	2	3	22	27	8
Fair Oak Albion	7	2	2	3	20	19	8
AFC Anchor	4	1	1	2	6	7	4
C & G	6	1	0	5	9	28	3

Division 4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Coopervision	8	4	2	2	32	28	14
Lapstone	6	3	1	2	18	19	10
Halfway United	7	3	1	3	17	12	10
Kingsgate	7	3	1	3	16	24	10
Hoff Sports	5	2	2	1	18	13	8
King George	5	1	1	3	9	11	4
New Forest Eagles	4	1	0	3	10	13	3

HAT-TRICK HERO: Roll Call's Mark Williams, right.

SOUTHAMPTON & DISTRICT SUNDAY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

CITY OF SOUTHAMPTON SUNDAY LEAGUE EXTRA

Rashid stars for Athletic

IN JUNIOR 4, top teams Newtown Athletic and Southampton Bhoys both won.

The former put nine past Itchen Manor Reserves without reply, with a hat-trick from Humayun Rashid and braces from Pawel Burdzy, Russell West and Greg Fairbairn.

Southampton Bhoys beat Burridge AFC 2-0 away, a second-half own goal from Simon Becheley securing victory after Terry Fredericks converted from the spot in the first half.

Jack Jewell and Jody Hoare scored the goals for Woodmill as they beat Bishops Blaize 3-2, a result which saw them move past their opponents in the table. Woodmill had led 2-0 at half-time, but had to endure a second-half comeback from Bishops Blaize with goals from Phillip Hunt and Marc Beston.

Will Stewart's hat-trick could only earn Eastpoint a draw against Royal Marine, who scored two through Chris Nightingale and one through Adam Tighe in a 3-3 draw. This allowed Chamberlain Athletic Reserves to move ahead of them into fifth, after goals from James Long, Mike Wilson, Ben Vaughan, Charlie Eccleston and two from Liam Fielder led them to a 6-0 victory over Obelisk.

Referees' meeting

SOUTHAMPTON Referees' Association's Christmas meeting will be held on Thursday (December 8) in the Dell Cafe Bar (7pm).

Saints Trust chairman Nick Illingsworth will be the guest speaker.

NON-LEAGUE RESULTS APPEAR IN MONDAY'S *DAILY ECHO*

Youth Football

Totton let it slide

TOTTON were left kicking themselves after tossing away a two-goal lead and drawing 2-2 with Alton in the only Hampshire Sixth Form Colleges League match that survived the midweek industrial action.

Sammy Miller poked Toton ahead, with James Clifton doubling the lead after the break.

Totton continued to call the tune, but when Josh Armstrong handled on the line - it may have been a case of 'ball-to-hand' - Connor Fielder reduced the arrears for Alton from the penalty spot.

Totton continued to press forward, but were hit on the break by Will Phillips, who out paced the home defence to score the equaliser.

Adam in trial

PROMISING AFC Totton defender Adam Tomasso misses the Stags big FA Cup tie against Bristol Rovers on Sunday – to pursue his own international dreams.

The talented Itchen College central defender, pictured, has his final England Schools Under-18 trial this weekend at Lilleshall and hopes to be picked from 34 hopefuls.

He impressed selectors whilst playing for the South West counties against the South East and has been an outstanding figure in Itchen's all conquering Hampshire Colleges team.

Last 32

POOLE High School will entertain the Haberdashers Aske's Knights Academy, from Bromley, in the ESFA Under-18 Schools Cup sixth round.

A 1-0 win over Steyning earned Poole a place in the last 32, while the HAK Academy beat West London Institute 3-0 in midweek.

Itchen squad sixes champs

ITCHEN are the new British Colleges' six-a-side football champions for the South East region. They won the title in an entertaining tournament hosted by 'Goals' in Southampton.

Itchen took a squad of seven to the tournament, but were denied the services of Adam Tomasso and Matt Gray who were away on county duty in Surrey, ***writes MIKE VIMPANY***.

They won their group in the initial pool stage of the competition, drawing 2-2 against Farnborough, and winning each of their remaining four matches in the pool.

In the knockout stages, they beat Guildford outfit Merrist Wood College 2-0 before beating London based Coliseum 3-1 in the quarter final.

The semi-final tie was an all-Hampshire affair, with Itchen drawn against Queen Mary's College, Basingstoke.

Itchen played exceptionally well, running out comfortable 4-0 winners.

Itchen were full of confidence going into the final against Worthing College, but in spite of dominating possession, a deflected Worthing goal in the last minute took the final into a tense penalty shoot-out, which Itchen won 4-3.

Itchen now go on to represent the South –East region in the national British Colleges' final weekend at Bath University in the spring.

Itchen squad. Back (left-right): Ross Casey, Matt Burt, Callum Oliver, Jack Garner. Front: Ryan Lewis, Zac Anderson, Jordan Chalk.

KINGS FACE TOUGH TEST

THE King's School face a stiff sixth round away day against Whitgift in the last 32 of the English Schools' FA Under-15 Cup.

South Croydon-based Whitgift beat Coombe School (Kingston) 3-1 in the fifth round.

Benefitting from a bye in the first round, King's have subsequently beaten Kennet 3-1, John Hanson 2-0, Park House 9-1 and Brune Park 3-0.

"The boys have built their success on the back of a very enjoyable tour to Spain last year where they won all three matches versus strong Spanish opposition and made huge progress whilst training with Villareal CF,"said coach Chris Marwood.

"Whilst the goalscorers will always get the glory, our defence including goalkeeper James Thompso, George Knight, Angus McDowall, Ben Stevens, Matt Cole and Charles McGloughlin have been instrumental in the teams success so far."

The King's cup progress so far is:

Round 1: Bye

Round 2: beat Kennet School 3-1 (Harvey Thompson, Tom Graves, Rory McCallum)

Round 3: beat John Hanson 2-0 (Harvey Thompson, 2)

Round 4: beat Park House, Newbury 9-1 (Rory McCallum 2, Joe Humphrey 2, Tom Graves, Joseph Oliver, Freddie Ebdon, Connall Bark, Jamie Howells)

Round 5: beat Brune Park Community College 3-0 (Harvey Thompson, Jamie Howells, Rory McCallum)

The King's kids will be goggle-eyed when they travel to South Croydon, as Whitgift is arguably one of the top sporting public schools in the country, with magnificent facilities.

A powerhouse school at cricket, hockey and rugby, they've former Chelsea defender Colin Pates and one-time Crystal Palace midfielder Steve Kember running their football.

Park cup joy

UP for the cup ! That's Bitterne Park's Year 10 side, who eagerly await their English Schools' Under-15 Cup fifth round tie against Stonehenge at the University's Wide Lane ground, provisionally on Monday week, December 12, 1pm.

Pictured above, Bitterne Park have enjoyed single-goal successes in all three ties so far, initially beating city rivals Redbridge 4-3 through goals from Billy Cresswell, Bradley Collins, Bradley Douglas, and Braydon Drouet.

Max Evans hit the winner in the 1-0 derby win against Sholing and followed it up with a hat-trick in the thrilling 5-4 victory over Corfe Hills. Douglas and Drouet were also on target.

Tribute to Pete

THE Hampshire Colleges Sixth Form Cup has been named the Pete Munro Trophy in recognition of the late Taunton's College's principal's long and dedicated service to under-19 schools soccer.

The draw for the second round of the 1st XI Cup, to be played on Wednesday [December 7], has produced a juicy derby between

cup holders Itchen and Totton, who knocked out Taunton's after a first round penalty shoot out.

Sparsholt and Queen Mary's is another tasty morsel, while in the other ties Basingstoke host Brockenhurst and Alton travelto Havant.

Second XI draw: Itchen v Barton Peveril, Farnborough v Sparsholt, Taunton's v Totton, Brockenhurst v Alton.

Youth Football

Cup debut sees goal avalanche

■ GIRLS' FOOTBALL

NEWLY formed Southampton Saints G&LFC Under10s won an outstanding 12-0 away victory against Whiteley in their first cup game.

The previous encounter between the sides resulted in a closely fought 2-0 victory for Saints, but they got off to a flying start when Jennifer King scored two in two minutes for an early lead.

Whiteley fought back, and Saints keeper Annie Bulkeley made some great saves.

Then goals from Lisa Gilham, Leah Webster, and four from Simge Rosz put the game out of Whiteley's reach.

There were two more goals from Saints before captain Sophie Shiner and Kia Anteney wrapped up a 12-0 win.

Winchester City Flyers soared above opponents Clanfield with their 7-0 victory, and Portsmouth Uni won 2-0 against Widbrook Ladies.

Southampton Saints Under 15s followed up last week's 12-0 win with an 18-0 victory over the IOW, Ellie Pearce scoring seven in a brilliant display. Elsewhere in the under-16 league, Pompey Ladies beat Pompey Uni 4-1, and Winchester City Flyers won 4-1 against Gosport.

Tori Adlam also netted seven in Southampton Saints Under 14s 13-0 victory over Sarum Youth.

Southampton Saints Under-12s' unbeaten start to the season continued with a 12-0 win against St Francis Raiders Under-12s. It boosts their goal tally to 48 in six games.

Adele Northercott and Emily Dix were the scorers in Warsah Wasps Black's 2-1 win over Portsmouth Uni, while Hedge End drew 1-1 with Winchester Flyers.

Southampton Saints Under 11s moved eight points clear after beating Winchester Flyers 5-0 away. The game contained a goal and standout performance from debutant Libby O'Dell, while Bex Quinn, Eleanor Elsey, Beth Wilcock and Chloe Davey also got on the scoresheet. Crookham Rovers leapt to fourth in the table after their 4-0 win against AFC Portchester. Lucy-Cray Stanton got a brace, Jessica Horwood and Lauren Sherman also netted.

Ladies just edged out

SOUTHAMPTON Saints Girls and Ladies first team, pictured above, fell short of defeating local rivals Havant & Waterlooville as they lost 2-1 at home.

An impressive effort from Lauren Cheshire saw Havant take the lead after half an hour, before Saints keeper Hannah Haughton was forced to make a series of excellent saves to keep them in the match. She was unable to deny Cheshire her second though, when she netted a far post header to make the game 2-0.

A moment of controversy could have sparked a second half revival for Saints, but fans were aghast when the referee only awarded the Havant keeper a yellow card when she handled outside the box. The free-kick was smashed in by Saints' Chelsea Owton, but they were unable to capitalise on the goal.

Hants hammering

Hampshire Women's FA 15
Oxfordshire FA 1

OXFORDSHIRE arrived at Winklebury on Tuesday evening with only ten players and Hampshire FA, who beat their full squad 11-0 last year, led 5-0 after 25 minutes, ***writes Peter Rainbird.***

Last season Charley Wilson scored five, but this time she remained goalless while Shelly Cox helped herself to fourand was prominent throughout, Leeta Rutherford netting a hat trick.

After five minutes Lauren Cheshire's cross was helped on by Cox for Leeta Rutherford to head in and two minutes later Cox made it 2-0. It was 3-0 when a Rutherford centre was back heeled by Kirsty McGee, who netted the rebound.

Kaylee Schumann-Edwards had a fine header saved but McGee clipped a great ball into the box for Cox to net her second and it was 5-0 after good inter passing by Charley Wilson and Cox saw Michelle Niven chip the keeper.

Cox completed her hat trick in the 31st and laid on a seventh for Edwards, Cox making it 8-0 at half-time.

Oxfordshire had only nine players after the break and Rutherford cleverly back heeled in a Niven cross.

A tremendous 35 yard shot from McGee made it 10-0, Lucy Quinn slammed in a shot off the post and then full back Cheshire joined the goal spree.

Sub Ranger made it unlucky 13 and Rutherford completed her hat trick. In the 84th minute Oxfordshire scored but, with five minutes left, Ranger broke clear again to net.

Team: Sadie Blakely (Portsmouth). Fi McMillan (Portsmouth). Lauren Cheshire (Havant & Waterlooville). Laura Oakes (Havant & Waterlooville). Lauren Murphy (Portsmouth). Kaylee Schumann-Edwards (Havant & Waterlooville). Kirsty McGee (Portsmouth). Leeta Rutherford (Portsmouth). Charley Wilson (Portsmouth). Michelle Niven (University of Portsmouth). Shelly Cox (Portsmouth). Substitutes: Chloe Ranger (Havant & Waterlooville) Krystal Whyte (Southampton Saints). Lucy Quinn (Portsmouth). Not used: Yzzy Taylor (Havant & Waterlooville).

■ SOUTHAMPTON YOUTH LEAGUE

Josh grabs a cup hat-trick for Town

THE Under-18 Salvage Cup Second Round threw up high-scoring ties, none more so than Alresford Town who beat BTC (Soton), where man of the match Josh Dunne hit his first hat trick for the club.

Scott Hills also weighed in with a treble and new signing Brad Griffiths, with Ollie Griffths also on-target to cap a comfortable win for the Magpies, writes Alan Johns.

Josh Chandler was also worthy of mention with another outstanding display.

There were even more goals in the Eastbrook and Mich & Tims match, Harriers just having the edge 6-5. Sky Blues hit five against Hedge End Rangers Blue who managed three, QK (Soton) won 5-1 at Romsey Town and St Francis Rangers beat Itchen Royals 4-0.

The last time New Forest met Burridge it was a very close match, but this time it didn't take long for the first goal when New Forest scored after only two minutes.

Forest played the ball around well and Burridge struggled to match them but kept the score at 1-0 with some good defending.

In the second half, Burridge came out stronger and more determined, and started to play better football, and within five minutes of the restart created three great chances.

Forest were on the back-foot and on 65 minutes, Burridge hit the bar. But Forest defended well to hold out.

Two other away teams who progressed were Salisbury City who won 4-1 at Hythe & Dibden and Sway, for whom Jessie Gould followed up his man-of-the match performance from the previous week with a brace of goals to take them through to the quarter-finals.

Having started the tie brightly, Sway were rewarded when Sam Nailor was tripped and Gould curled a delicious free-kick around the defensive wall.

Saints profited from their long-throw tactic and one bouncing ball was diverted in at the far post for an equaliser.

Crofton then enjoyed their best spell and Symons made a magnificent close range stop and a finger-tip save.

Sway then re-established control, Dan Eynon and James Goodwin working tirelessly in midfield. Bartholomew then guided another pass into the path of Clark who was brought down. Gould confidently struck home the penalty to make it 2-1 to Sway.

Determined defending by Dan Marshall, Nathan David, Luke Gurton and man-of-the-match Bartholomew helped Sway to resist late pressure.

In League action, there were home wins in Division 2 for AFC Stoneham and Pirelli Pirates.

Stoneham beat Littleton by a single goal and the Pirates plundered the points with a 4-2 triumph over Alresford Town.

Wyvern had the best result of the two in Division 3, 5-1 winners at AFC Hiltingbury but Mich & Tims Colts and Botley Village Dynamos both found goals hard to come by and played-out a goal-less draw.

Both teams can move on from this game knowing that they can be tough to beat.

In the Under-16's Challenge Cup Second Round, Winchester City White were top-scorers, knocking-out QK (Soton) 11-5 and there were plenty of goals elsewhere, particularly at BTC (Soton) Stoneham where the home team beat Townhill Lingland Panthers 8-3, and Bitterne where AFC Totton enjoyed another winning outing, winning 6-1.

The Stags' near-neighbours, Totton & Eling, also went through with a 5-2 home win against Warsash Wasps and Eastleigh beat Sholing Red 3-0 but there was only defeat for Cherbourg, losing 2-0 at home to St Francis Rovers, Colden Common went out 2-1 to AFC Stoneham and Salisbury City were beaten by the same score by Winchester City Red.

The one game in Division 1 saw Hythe & Dibden lose 3-0 at home to Sholing White and in Division 2, BTC (Soton) won 3-1 at home to Colden Common Rangers and S&D beat Chamberlayne 5-1.

Ryan Kajko ran at the defence before putting S&D ahead after 15 minutes. Aidan Collins added two more on the half-hour.

Maranj Birring volleyed a fourth and Collins completed his hat-trick with a well-taken goal on the half-turn.

Chamberlayne scored a well-deserved consolation goal late-on with a solo effort from Connor, but Moody.

In Division 3 Wyvern lost 7-3 to visitors New Forest whose goals came from Brad Raynsford, with four, and one each from Jordon Grant, James Shotter and Jack Cole-Bailey.

Burridge won 4-2 at Sarisbury Sparks, with goals from Lewis Martin and Conner Rowsel for Sparks and Koshanouski, Pearce, Tillet and Cross for Burridge. It was honours-even, at 4-4, when Botley Village met Blackfield & Langley.

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TYRO STANDINGS

Under-15 – Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Compton	8	7	0	1	31	9	21
Pace Panthers	6	6	0	0	46	3	18
Eastleigh Juniors	6	6	0	0	34	0	18
Baddesley Park	8	4	0	4	19	15	12
Pace	7	2	2	3	13	21	8
Bitterne	9	2	1	6	13	42	7
Bashley	7	0	2	5	9	39	2
Littleton Juniors	9	0	1	8	8	44	1

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
St Francis Rangers	10	10	0	0	51	14	30
H & Dibden Rangers	8	5	1	2	33	17	16
Sky Blues	7	4	0	3	23	15	12
B Waltham Dynamos	9	3	2	4	26	25	11
Wyvern Dragons	9	3	0	6	22	28	9
Brendon	7	3	0	4	16	24	9
St Denys	7	2	0	5	16	29	6
Colden Common	9	1	1	7	14	49	4

Division 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Testwood United	9	8	0	1	38	15	24
Warsash Wasps	8	5	3	0	37	22	18
City Central	9	5	1	3	25	26	16
Botley Village	6	5	0	1	25	11	15
Romsey Tn Panthers	7	4	1	2	28	15	13
AFC Hiltingbury	9	4	0	5	31	23	12
Totton Rangers	11	3	2	6	21	31	11
Netley Royals	7	3	0	4	23	26	9
Alresford Town	8	0	2	6	14	32	2
Pace Pumas	10	0	1	9	12	53	1

Division 4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hythe Strikers	10	8	1	1	31	17	25
St Francis Knights	9	8	0	1	42	12	24
Wyvern Saints	11	7	1	3	42	22	22
Astro Blues	11	6	2	3	33	29	20
Pirelli Pirates	12	5	1	6	49	39	16
Romsey Tn Cougars	10	5	1	4	30	34	16
Sarisbury Sparks	10	4	0	6	35	39	12
Oakwood	10	4	0	6	21	31	12
Granley Stoneham	10	1	0	9	16	47	3
Hedge End Rangers	11	0	2	9	19	48	2

Under-14 – Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Pace Panthers	8	7	0	1	26	8	21
AFC Wolves	8	5	1	2	29	9	16
Oakwood Terriers	9	5	1	3	27	14	16
Winchester	8	4	0	4	35	29	12
Sholing	6	3	1	2	23	12	10
Warsash Warriors	6	3	0	3	8	12	9
H & Dibden Rangers	9	1	1	7	13	41	4
Eastleigh Juniors White	6	0	0	6	8	44	0

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Baddesley Park	6	5	1	0	22	6	16
Sarisbury Sparks	8	5	0	3	26	14	15
Oakwood Raiders	6	4	1	1	18	12	13
Littleton Juniors	8	4	0	4	21	28	12
Bitterne	6	3	0	3	20	6	9
Wyvern	6	2	1	3	14	13	7
C Common Rangers	6	2	1	3	13	15	7
Sportstars	8	0	0	8	7	47	0

Division 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Eastleigh Juniors Blue	7	7	0	0	20	10	21
Warsash Wasps	8	3	4	1	19	12	13
C Common Rovers	7	3	1	3	17	14	10
Wellow	7	2	4	1	14	14	10
AFC Hiltingbury	7	2	1	4	20	20	7
H End Rangers Blue	8	1	4	3	18	21	7
H End Rangers White	8	1	3	4	9	16	6
Pace Cougars	8	0	5	3	16	26	5

Division 4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hythe Strikers	8	6	1	1	32	8	19
Romsey Town	9	6	0	3	37	16	18
Totton Rangers	11	5	2	4	26	21	17
Southside AFC	9	4	4	1	27	13	16
BTC Southampton	8	4	1	3	18	20	13
Bashley	7	3	3	1	25	8	12
Weston Sports	9	2	1	6	29	37	7
City Central	7	1	1	5	5	30	4
AFC Redbridge	8	0	1	7	8	54	1

Division 5

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bitterne Reds	9	8	0	1	43	9	24
Sky Blues	10	7	0	3	57	17	21
Winsor United Sports	9	6	2	1	26	16	20
Pace Pumas	9	5	2	2	58	19	17
Kingsway Colts	10	4	3	3	39	26	15
Fawley Falcons	9	3	1	5	28	36	10
Itchen Bulldogs	9	1	3	5	14	37	6
Alresford Town	7	1	1	5	17	31	4
Hamble United	10	0	0	10	6	97	0

Under-13 – Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Salisbury City	8	8	0	0	40	5	24
Pace Pumas	8	5	1	2	15	11	16
Eastleigh Juniors	8	5	0	3	18	13	15
H End Rangers Blue	6	4	0	2	19	12	12
Winchester Black	6	2	1	3	16	14	7
C Common Rangers	6	2	0	4	14	20	6
St Francis Rangers	7	0	1	6	10	26	1
Sportstars	7	0	1	6	11	42	1

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
BTC Soton Nimrods	7	6	0	1	37	19	18
Romsey Tn Cougars	8	5	0	3	24	23	15
Warsash Wasps	6	4	0	2	21	19	12
Bashley	7	3	1	3	22	16	10
Totton Rangers	10	3	1	6	22	39	10
AFC Hiltingbury Hawks	6	2	2	2	20	18	8
Alresford Town	5	1	2	2	19	16	5
City Central	9	1	2	6	18	33	5

Division 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Littleton Juniors Lions	7	4	0	3	25	24	12
H End Rangers White	4	3	1	0	10	3	10
Pace Panthers	6	2	3	1	12	10	9
Pirelli Pirates	6	2	2	2	16	11	8
Testwood United	5	2	0	3	11	13	6
Townhill Lingland	4	1	1	2	15	13	4
Winchester Blue	6	1	1	4	8	23	4

Division 4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sarisbury Spks Amber	8	7	0	1	33	15	21
Southside AFC	9	6	0	3	38	23	18
Botley Village Bears	7	4	1	2	33	9	13
Granley Stoneham	8	4	0	4	26	28	12
Brendon	6	3	1	2	24	10	10
St Denys	6	3	1	2	17	14	10
Sarisbury Sparks Black	7	2	2	3	20	19	8
Michelmersh & Tims	8	2	1	5	37	30	7
Hythe Strikers Spitfires	9	0	0	9	9	89	0

Division 5

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Oakwood Tigers	8	7	0	1	40	25	21
QK Southampton	6	5	0	1	39	8	15
Pace Cougars	4	4	0	0	25	4	12
AFC Redbridge	6	4	0	2	36	18	12
S&D	9	3	1	5	17	40	10
Netley Royals	7	3	0	4	18	23	9
Winsor United Sports	7	2	1	4	22	27	7
H End Rangers Red	9	1	2	6	20	44	5
AFC Hilt'bury Hornets	10	1	2	7	22	50	5

Division 6

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hythe & Dibden Hawks	8	8	0	0	86	4	24
Hamble United Red	9	6	0	3	36	24	18
P Pirates Crusaders	9	5	1	3	55	35	16
Wyvern Dragons	7	4	1	2	39	22	13
Romsey Tn Panthers	7	4	0	3	28	39	12
H Strikers Hurricanes	9	3	2	4	27	33	11
Baddesley Park	9	2	1	6	40	61	7
St Francis Rovers	8	1	1	6	18	55	4
Bitterne	8	1	0	7	8	64	3

Under-12 – Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Eastleigh Juniors White	7	4	2	1	21	12	14
Salisbury City	6	4	1	1	18	8	13
Winchester Black	6	3	1	2	18	11	10
Eastleigh Juniors Red	5	3	1	1	11	5	10
Oaklands Rangers	7	3	0	4	11	18	9
QK Southampton	6	2	1	3	11	14	7
Pace Cougars	8	2	0	6	11	28	6
St Francis Knights	7	1	2	4	12	17	5

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sportstars	7	4	2	1	20	11	14
City Central	8	4	2	2	20	17	14
Weston Sports	9	3	3	3	18	15	12
Testwood United	7	4	0	3	8	9	12
Warsash Wasps	9	3	2	4	19	25	11
Botley Village	7	2	3	2	15	15	9
B Park Crusaders	7	2	2	3	9	10	8
AFC Hilt'bury Hawks	10	2	2	6	18	25	8

Division 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
H End Rangers Blue	10	9	0	1	45	15	27
Hythe & Dibden Hovers	8	6	1	1	44	12	19
Sholing	8	5	1	2	40	16	16
Ice Sports	8	5	0	3	27	21	15
Sarisbury Spks Amber	8	3	0	5	19	37	9
C Common Rangers	7	2	0	5	21	24	6
H & Dibden Turbos	7	1	2	4	17	20	5
Stoke Park United	10	0	0	10	6	74	0

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Division 4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wellow	8	6	1	1	34	11	19
Hamble United	8	6	1	1	19	9	19
Littleton Juniors	7	4	1	2	19	13	13
Chamberlayne Athletic	7	3	1	3	21	18	10
Sky Blues	6	2	0	4	18	15	6
Granley Stoneham	6	1	0	5	16	31	3
H End Rangers White	8	1	0	7	10	40	3

Division 5

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Winchester Blue	8	7	1	0	39	8	22
Brendon	10	6	2	2	30	13	20
Oakwood Lions	8	6	1	1	37	7	19
Romsey Tn Panthers	8	4	2	2	33	18	14
Hythe Strikers	9	3	1	5	17	31	10
Wyvern	9	2	0	7	13	40	6
Romsey Tn Cougars	7	1	0	6	12	28	3
AFC Hilt'bury Hurricanes	7	0	1	6	5	41	1

Division 6

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Southside AFC	10	9	0	1	59	16	27
Sarisbury Spks Black	11	9	0	2	48	11	27
Townhill Lingland	9	6	1	2	35	21	19
B Park Knights	10	4	1	5	32	33	13
AFC Hilt'bury Harriers	10	4	0	6	20	23	12
Bitterne	10	3	0	7	19	53	9
Fawley Falcons	10	2	2	6	33	41	8
S&D	10	1	0	9	12	60	3

Under-11 – Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Eastleigh Juniors White	9	7	0	2	24	17	21
Sholing White	5	5	0	0	21	11	15
C Common Rovers	7	3	1	3	16	14	10
Salisbury City	8	3	1	4	15	17	10
Winsor Utd Sports Red	7	3	0	4	16	18	9
Sholing Red	6	2	1	3	21	20	7
Pace	8	2	1	5	22	23	7
H End Rangers Blue	8	2	0	6	15	30	6

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Botley Village	9	7	1	1	28	16	22
Oakwood Panthers	9	5	2	2	18	12	17
Baddesley Park	7	5	1	1	29	14	16
C Common Royals	8	4	1	3	17	18	13
City Central	8	4	0	4	25	23	12
QK Southampton	7	3	0	4	23	14	9
Sportstars	8	2	0	6	21	29	6
St Francis Rovers	6	2	0	4	9	18	6
Townhill Lingland	8	0	1	7	6	32	1

Division 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Gr Stoneham Red	11	6	3	2	45	10	21
Oakwood Hawks	8	6	1	1	33	6	19
Warsash Wasps	6	6	0	0	45	12	18
Winchester	9	5	2	2	31	15	17
Romsey Tn Panthers	7	4	1	2	22	17	13
H & Dibden Phoenix	9	4	0	5	37	25	12
H End Rangers White	7	3	3	1	22	13	12
Michelmersh & Tims	11	3	1	7	33	54	10
Hythe Strikers	11	1	1	9	13	57	4
Romsey Tn Cougars	9	0	0	9	14	86	0

Division 4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ice Sports	8	6	1	1	38	13	19
St Francis Rangers	6	6	0	0	52	1	18
C Common Rangers	7	6	0	1	48	10	18
Fawley Falcons	9	5	1	3	29	21	16
Bitterne	7	3	3	1	25	14	12
H & Dibden Legends	8	2	1	5	20	18	7
Alresford Town	9	1	1	7	19	35	4
Eastleigh Juniors Red	7	1	1	5	11	41	4
Chamberlayne Athletic	7	0	0	7	3	92	0

Division 5

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hamble United	11	9	0	2	62	18	27
AFC Hiltingbury	10	8	1	1	78	18	25
Oakwood Eagles	10	8	0	2	68	18	24
Southside AFC	10	5	2	3	38	26	17
Rodaway Rovers	10	5	2	3	28	28	17
S&D	9	3	0	6	21	46	9
Winsor Utd Spts Green	8	2	1	5	13	27	7
Sarisbury Sparks	7	1	1	5	6	42	4
Gr Stoneham Blue	9	1	1	7	9	50	4
Brendon	10	1	0	9	17	67	3

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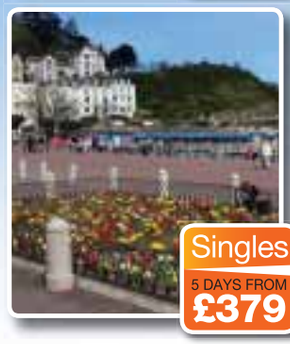
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Hampshire Cricket Spotlight

HAMPSHIRE FIXTURES 2012

APRIL

12-15 Gloucestershire, Rose Bowl, LVCC
19-22 Glamorgan, SWALEC, LVCC
26-29 Leicestershire, Rose Bowl, LVCC

MAY

2-5 Northants, Northampton, LVCC
7 Glamorgan, Rose Bowl, CB40
9-12 Derbyshire, Rose Bowl, LVCC
16-19 Yorkshire, away tbc, LVCC
20 Scotland, away tbc, CB40
23-26 Glamorgan, Rose Bowl, LVCC
27 Somerset, Taunton, CB40
31 Nottinghamshire (F), Rose Bowl, CB40

JUNE

3 Surrey, KIA Oval, CB40
4 Scotland, Rose Bowl, CB40
6-9 Kent, Tunbridge Wells, LVCC
14 Sussex (F), Hove, FLt20
15 Kent, Canterbury, FLt20
19 Middlesex (F), Rose Bowl, FLt20
20 Surrey (F), KIA Oval, FLt20
22 Kent (F), Rose Bowl, FLt20
27 Middlesex, Richmond, FLt20
29 Essex (F), Chelmsford, FLt20
30 Surrey, Rose Bowl, FLt20

JULY

6 Sussex (F), Rose Bowl, FLt20
8 Essex (F), Rose Bowl, FLt20
11-14 Yorkshire, Rose Bowl, LVC
15 Durham, Rose Bowl, CB40
17 Nottinghamshire (F), Trent Bridge, CB40
19-22 Essex, Chelmsford, LVCC
24/25 FLt20 quarterfinals
27-30 Kent, Rose Bowl, LVCC

AUGUST

6-9 Gloucestershire, Bristol, LVCC
10 Glamorgan (F), SWALEC, CB40
14 Somerset (F), Rose Bowl, CB40
15-18 Northamptonshire, Rose Bowl, LVCC
19 Surrey, CB40
21-24 Leicestershire, Grace Road, LVCC
24/25 FLt20 Finals Weekend
27 Durham, Chester-le-Street, CB40

SEPTEMBER

1 CB40 semi-finals
4-7 Essex, Rose Bowl, LVCC
11-14 Derbyshire, Derby, LVCC
15 CB40 final, Lords.

KEY: LVCC (LV County Championship division two), CB40 (Clydesdale Bank40), FLt20 (Friends Life t20), F (floodlit)

The earliest start ever ...

CHAMPIONS: Lancashire celebrate winning the County Championship in 2011.

THE first round of LV= County Championship fixtures next year will be the earliest ever, with seven matches beginning on April 5.

That's a whole month earlier than the 1992 season started, while Hampshire's first Championship game of the 1982 campaign did not start until May 10!

The official season curtain-raiser between the champion county Lancashire and an MCC XI will once again take place in Abu Dhabi on March 27 - the same date as last season.

But, with the first round of university games on March 31 and both divisions of the championship getting under way five days later, most players will be in action earlier than ever before.

The start of the championship season has been creeping forward for several years, beginning on April 9 in 2010 and on April 8 last term.

Lancashire, who ended their 77-year wait for a title win in a dramatic finale this summer, are given the first week of the season off after their return from the United Arab Emirates and will kick off their

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defence with a home match against Sussex on April 12.

Runners-up Warwickshire also begin their campaign in the second week when Somerset come to Edgbaston.

Middlesex, promoted as Division Two champions in the summer, begin their season on April 5 away to Somerset, with fellow newcomers Surrey hosting Sussex in their first top-flight fixture since relegation in 2008.

Yorkshire's revamped coaching team, led by former Australia star Jason Gillespie, must get used to life in the second tier when they welcome Kent to Headingley, while Hampshire will look to move on from their own relegation with a home fixture against Gloucestershire on April 12.

The final round of championship fixtures run from September 11-14, with Lancashire requiring a result at home to Surrey should they require to repeat this year's last-gasp glory.

The final match of the season is on September 15 when Lord's once again hosts the Clydesdale Bank 40 final.

That competition, which pits the 18 first-class counties against Scotland, Holland and the Unicorns, starts on May 4 with a repeat of the 2011 final between holders Surrey and Somerset.

Fans of Twenty20 cricket get their first chance to see the format on June 12 when the Friends Life t20 taking over until the end of the qualifying phase on July 8.

Teams are split into three groups, determined along geographical lines, and will vie for a place in the quarter-finals on July 24/25.

That is the major difference to the 2011 fixture list, which saw counties play 16 qualifying games each in two nine-team groups.

Due to pressure from some counties regarding t20 overkill, the 2012 qualifying group has been reduced to 10 matches – five home and five away.

Four winners – the three group leaders and the best second placed club - will progress to the ever-popular finals day, held at Glamorgan's SWALEC Stadium for the first time on August 25, where they will look to inherit Leicestershire's crown.

Quotes of the week ... quotes of the week

GARY SPEED

"The players I worked with represented all colours of the rainbow in terms of character but in Gary's case he was a star in the true sense. For him – at 42 – to leave us is such a tragic loss. It's unbelievable" - **Howard Wilkinson, who managed Gary Speed at Leeds.**

"I am totally devastated. Gary Speed was one of the nicest men in football and someone I am honoured to call a team-mate and friend" - **Ryan Giggs on Speed.**

"Gary was a magnificent person, bright, fun and a wonderful family man - he lit up every room he walked into" - **Alan Shearer on Speed.**

"Speedo was a true friend and a very, very popular man" - **Leeds manager Simon Grayson who signed schoolboy forms at the club on the same day as Gary Speed.**

"We have had a great, great season. The team has been faultless most of the time" - **Formula One world champion Sebastian Vettel toasts a job well done by his Red Bull team.**

"Every time Mario does something many players provoke him" - **Manchester City boss Roberto Mancini complains about Liverpool players agitating to get striker Mario Balotelli sent off at Anfield.**

"I haven't seen a contract but there's definitely talks going on. I said before I retired I would love that fight and there's a date in March that's already been talked about" - **David Haye reveals talks with Vitali Klitschko over a fight, to the surprise of no-one.**

"At Didier's age, he has nothing left to prove as a player. He will go where he is offered the most money" - **Didier Drogba's agent makes no bones about his priority.**

"I am not someone who likes to cry in front of millions of people, I will be honest with you, but you could very well see it on Saturday" - **Shane Williams prepares for his final Test for Wales against Australia.**

"The way we're progressing is more significant than reaching the semi-final of a cup that's been cheapened by the actions of the people who run it" - **Kenny Dalglish takes a swipe at the Carling Cup fixture list after guiding Liverpool into the last four.**

BOOK of the WEEK

Usain Bolt: The Story of the World's Fastest Man
By Steven Downes

Sportsbookofthemonth.com price: £5.99, saving 25% on rrp

In anticipation of next year's Olympics, British athletes are rightly enjoying prolonged media exposure.

To date, however, Jessica Ennis aside, no home-grown Olympian could lay claim to the same box-office credentials as Usain Bolt.

Even at £2,000 a time, tickets to next summer's 100 metre final in which he is expected to feature could, we're told, have sold out twelve times over.

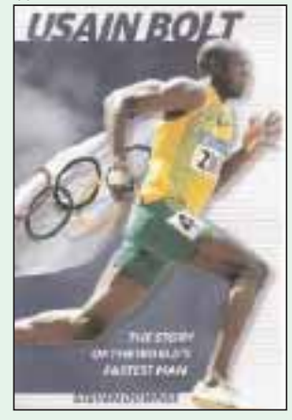
Olympic history beckons once more for the appropriately-named Bolt who collected three golds in Beijing and is widely expected to add to his golden haul in London next year.

But as Steven Downes explains in his excellent, if a little brief, story of Bolt's life and successes to date, it was not until the Jamaican ran a competitive 100m at a minor meeting in Crete in 2007 that his talent was recognised.

"The history of track and field, the future of athletics was changed forever when Bolt raced 100 metres that day," writes Downes.

"Bolt ran 10.03 seconds."

Once Bolt realised that 100m world champion Asafa Powell was raking in appearance fees and bonuses for winning in places like Paris and Zurich, he knew where his future lay.



So he pestered his coach to let him compete in one of sport's blue riband events. The world is thankful for Usain's persistence.

Downes revels in the type of informative, but chatty, anecdote that adds a wonderful sense of pace to his book's narrative.

One senses he delights in telling his readers that the Crete race took place at Rethymno or that Bolt initially suffered from a curvature of the spine which made his right leg half an inch shorter than his left.

The book is peppered with such memorable detail.

He also captures the progressive sense of excitement that builds before a high profile race, especially as Bolt is contracted to race against America's Tyson Gay on a thundery New York night.

Incredibly, given the conditions, Bolt ran 9.72 seconds, a new world record, leaving the then world-record holder in his wake.

"Writing a book about a moving target," muses Downes, "especially one that moves as fast as Bolt, is inevitably only going to provide a snapshot of history."

Though short, this book is well-written and does exactly what Downes says it does in his preface.

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Horse Racing

SUNDAY'S SELECTIONS

FAIRYHOUSE: 12.20 Sam Bass, 12.50 Sous Les Cieux, 1.20 First Lieutenant, 1.50 Voler La Vedette, 2.20 Cloughmile, 2.50 Hold The Pin, 3.20 The Mighty Milan
KELSO: 12.30 Our Joe Mac, 1.00 Blenheim Brook, 1.30 Strong Knight, 2.00 PREMIER SAGAS (NAP), 2.30 Ballyfitz, 3.00 Glenora Gale, 3.30 Super Ally
WARWICK: 12.40 Captain Loui, 1.10 George Nympton, 1.40 Midnight Opera, 2.10 Russe Blanc, 2.40 Spring Moon, 3.10 Keep Talking, 3.40 Be All Man
DOUBLE: Premier Sagas and Our Joe Mac

Premier ready to rule at Kelso

PREMIER Sagas can run a big race in the Monteith Memorial Champion Chase at Kelso.

Nicky Richards has a couple in this extended two-mile-six-furlong event, including the smart Skippers Brig, but preference is for the David Wesley Yates-owned seven-year-old, who sports the same colours as the ever-popular Monet's Garden.

The selection progressed nicely as a novice last season, and was thought good enough to run at Cheltenham in the Centenary Novices' Handicap in March, where he was never really going after a mistake early and was pulled up.

Keen on his reappearance here at the beginning of last month, where he was racing from 9lb out of the weights, improvement from that is entirely plausible and he could be a horse to follow for the immediate future.

With two Kelso victories to his name he clearly knows his way around here.

The return to this kind of trip can only suit, as he won a novice contest over two and a half miles at Ayr in January – form well advertised by the runner-up Benny Be Good.

Denied a run at Ayr on Tuesday when the meeting was abandoned, he should be ready to go.

Our Joe Mac looks an exciting recruit to the National Hunt ranks, and should be followed accordingly in the Happy Birthday Berwick Speedway's Julie Newton Novices' Hurdle.

The 101-rated Flat performer made a blinding start to his new vocation when pitched into Listed company at Haydock a fortnight ago.

Richard Fahey's inmate jumped accurately from the outset beneath Brian Hughes, and fleetingly appeared a serious danger to the odds-on favourite Molotof.

A bad mistake at the last arguably cost Our Joe Mac the chance to take that significant scalp, but it nonetheless represented an outstanding effort.

Defeat in Scotland would be a significant step backwards for the four-year-old gelding, who could well be up to Cheltenham Festival class if he continues to progress from his exploits on Merseyside.

Now is not the time to discount George Nympton's claims in the bathstore.com Northampton Beginners' Chase at Warwick.

Nick Williams' five-year-old posted some solid displays over hurdles, but was always going to cut his teeth over fences.

Indeed, he certainly made quite a striking impression on his debut at Exeter last month, finishing second behind a nice horse from Emma Lavelle's yard, with the third home some 20 lengths away.

French recruit El Mondo, making his first start for 752 days, is the potential fly in the ointment, but the race-fit George Nympton has plenty going for him here.

Stewart banks on Whisky

OWNER Andy Stewart is hoping Oscar Whisky turns up to give Big Buck's a meaningful challenger in the Long Walk Hurdle at Ascot later this month.

The legendary staying hurdler recorded his 13th successive victory in last weekend's Long Distance Hurdle at Newbury and remains on course to bid for his fourth triumph in the Ladbrokes World Hurdle at the Cheltenham Festival in March.

He will take in a trip to Ascot on December 17 along the way and Stewart would like to see Nicky Henderson's talented hurdler Oscar Whisky line up to try to give Big Buck's something to think about.

Stewart will have a second Long Walk runner in Celestial Halo, a well beaten third in the Fighting Fifth Hurdle at Newcastle last week.

"He's fine – you wouldn't even know he'd had a race," said Stewart. "He'll be heading for the Long Walk at Ascot next and he should have tightened up a bit for the run on Saturday."

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WARWICK — Sunday's runners

Low numbers are favoured. TRIFECTA: 12.40, 2.10, 3.10, 3.40. TV:Racing UK. Good

12.40 MISS BROWNS FANCY SYNDICATE JUVENILE HURDLE (CLASS 4). £4,400 added 3YO only 2m Penalty Value £2,859.

1		BRILLIANT BARCA (F201) Miss S West 10 12 .M Goldstein (3)
2		BUSSA (F143) P Evans 10 12 .....J McCarthy
3	23	CAPTAIN LOUI (IRE) (17) D Burchell 10 12 ..S Twiston-Davies
4		CHIPPY (F171) J Holt 10 12 .....C Poste
5		LAUGHING JACK (F45) A Carroll 10 12 .....L Edwards (3)
6	66	NOW AT LAST (USA) (17) P W Middleton 10 12Kielan Woods (5)
7		RAYNELL (F86) N Quinlan 10 12 .....Jack Quinlan (5)
8	U4	SONGSMITH (19) Mrs L Wadham 10 12 .....L Aspell
9		STENTORIAN (IRE) (F37) G L Moore 10 12 ..Joshua Moore (5)
10	0	SUNLEY SURPRISE (19) Miss L Allan 10 12 .....A Wedge (5)
11	0	UMORISTIC (FR) (17) R Brown 10 12 .....S Thomas
12		VAN DOESBURG (IRE) (F48) J Portman 10 12 .....H Frost
13		MISS BROWNES FANCY (IRE) (F114) G McPherson 10 5J Mogford
14		PRINCESSE FLEUR (F135) M Scudamore 10 5 .T Scudamore

BETTING: 4-1 Captain Loui, 9-2 Laughing Jack, 5-1 Bussa, 13-2 Songsmith, 7-1 Stentorian, 8-1 Princesse Fleur, 10-1 Brilliant Barca, 16-1 Van Doesburg, 20-1 others.

1.10 BATHSTORE.COM NORTHAMPTON BEGINNERS' CHASE (CLASS 4). £5,300 added 4YO PLUS 2m Penalty Value £3,444.

1	11/	EL MONDO (FR) (752) N Henderson 5 11 0 .....A P McCoy
2	0030-2	GEORGE NYMPTON (IRE) (25) N Williams 5 11 0 ....N Fehily
3	0-	HENRY'S HERO (F22) C Dwyer 5 11 0 ..Mr Matthew Smith (7)
4	50236-	TOM O'TARA (248) (CD) R Dickin 7 11 0 .....W Kavanagh (3)
5	1300-4	LADY WILLA (IRE) (223) (D) M Gillard 4 10 1 .....T Phelan (3)

BETTING: 5-4 El Mondo, 6-4 George Nympton, 15-2 Tom O'Tara, 8-1 Lady Willa, 33-1 Henry's Hero.

1.40 PERTEMPS PEOPLE DEVELOPMENT LTD HANDICAP CHASE (BETFAIR CHASE SERIES QUALIFIER) (CLASS 4). £7,000 added 4YO PLUS 2m Penalty Value £4,549.

1	334-03	LORD SINGER (FR) (26) (D) G L Moore 6 11 12Joshua Moore (5)
2	465633	MIDNIGHT OPERA (17) (D)(BF) N Mulholland 5 11 7T Scudamore
3	051036	OLYMPIAN (FR) (20) (D) P W Middleton 9 11 7 .A Glassonbury
4	5020-0	TRIANGULAR (USA) (181) T R George 6 11 4 .....P Brennan
5	-2F013	PIN D'ESTRUVAL (FR) (66) (D) M Sheppard 8 11 1 ...C Poste
6	1FPF02	SKY CALLING (10) (D) M Keighley 8 11 0 .....A P Cawley
7	5-531B	COACH LANE (17) (CD) N Mitchell 10 10 7 .....A Thornton

BETTING: 9-4 Lord Singer, 9-2 Pin D'Estruval, 5-1 Coach Lane, Midnight Opera, 6-1 Sky Calling, 8-1 Olympian, 12-1 Triangular.

2.10 SAGE ROOFING LTD MAIDEN HURDLE (CLASS 4). £4,000 added 4YO PLUS 2m 5f Penalty Value £2,599.

1	3-	BLACK NODDY (IRE) (386) (BF) Miss E Lavelle 5 11 0 .J Doyle
2	04	CECCONI (IRE) (21) W Greatrex 5 11 0 .....N Fehily
3	1111/	CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE (602) Mrs C Keevil 7 11 0 ..P Moloney
4	PP/PF-	EL DISTINTIVO (ARG) (377) Miss V Williams 7 11 0 A Coleman
5	62/4-	NO SUBSTITUTE (IRE) (251) A King 6 11 0 .....R Thornton
6	6F3-0	RANSSON (FR) (20) A King 6 11 0 .....W Hutchinson
7	042-00	REBEL HIGH (IRE) (18) D Frankland 7 11 0 .....L Treadwell
8	53-5	RICH BUDDY (30) R Phillips 5 11 0 .....T J O'Brien
9	1-3	RUSSE BLANC (FR) (32) (C) R Lee 4 11 0 .....C Poste
10	53/502	SAINGLEND (27) (BF) P Rich 6 11 0 .....S Twiston-Davies
11	0	STORMY GALE (IRE) (36) (BF) P Hobbs 5 11 0 ....R Johnson
12	414-3	THEMILANHORSE (IRE) (38) P Nicholls 5 11 0 .....D Jacob
13	120-	TOUR D'ARGENT (FR) (239) N Henderson 4 11 0 .A P McCoy
14	2-3	WINDS AND WAVES (IRE) (31) H Daly 5 11 0 ..J Greenall (5)
15	21-30	CHICHARITO (IRE) (17) N Mulholland 4 10 7 ....T Scudamore
16		PRESSTHEREDBUTTON Miss L Allan 6 10 7 ....A Wedge (5)
17	03-3	SILVER WREN (34) Mrs P Robeson 4 10 7 .....S P Jones
18	00-064	TOP ROSE (15) R Dickin 5 10 7 .....C Ward (7)

BETTING: 5-2 Tour D'argent, 5-1 Themilanhorse, 6-1 Sainglend, 10-1 No Substitute, Black Noddy, 12-1 Winds And Waves, Silver Wren, 14-1 Stormy Gale, Russe Blanc, 16-1 others.

2.40 TRELAWNY SPT LTD HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS 4). £5,500 added 4YO PLUS 3m 5f Penalty Value £3,574.

1	624/5-	TRIGGER THE LIGHT (319) (C) A King 10 11 12 ...R Thornton
2	653-00	DUNKELLY CASTLE (IRE) (14) Miss N L-Beavis 7 11 4T Garner (7)
3	14U0/P	ANOTHER DISPLAY (IRE) (14) D Pipe 9 11 3 ...T Scudamore
4	2-223	GETMEOUTHEDOLDRUMS (15) (BF) C Longsdon 6 11 2F de Giles
5	P-6222	SPRING MOON (IRE) (15) M Keighley 6 11 1 .....A P Cawley
6	124-66	BACKFROMTHECONGO (IRE) (24) R Lee 10 11 0 .R Johnson

BETTING: 11-8 Getmeouthedoldrums, 2-1 Spring Moon, 6-1 Backfromthecongo, 8-1 Trigger The Light, 14-1 Another Display, 16-1 Dunkelly Castle.

3.10 COVENTRY UNIVERSITY HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS 4). £4,000 added 3YO PLUS 2m Penalty Value £2,599.

1	5420-3	KEEP TALKING (IRE) (15) N King 7 11 12 .....A Merriam (3)
2	-5P000	FACTOTUM (56) (D) Jonjo O'Neill 7 11 11 .....A P McCoy
3	-15654	CANADIAN DIAMOND (IRE) (24) (D) F Brennan 4 11 10R Killoran
4	422320	TOM WADE (IRE) (36) J A Harris 4 11 10 .....A Wedge (5)
5	P0/12-	ORANG OUTAN (FR) (265) (D) Miss L Hurley 9 11 8 D Bass (3)
6	60-5	CUCKOO ROCK (IRE) (20) J Portman 4 11 8 .....H Frost
7	P35	EASYDOESIT (IRE) (32) A Carroll 3 10 8 .....N Fehily
8	634	GUD DAY (IRE) (17) F O'Brien 3 10 7 .....P Brennan

BETTING: 10-3 Gud Day, 4-1 Orang Outan, 9-2 Easydoesit, 6-1 Keep Talking, 8-1 Factotum, Canadian Diamond, Tom Wade, 12-1 Cuckoo Rock.

3.40 DENNIS HOFFMAN 82ND BIRTHDAY STANDARD OPEN NH FLAT RACE (CLASS 6). £2,400 added 4 to 6YO 2m Penalty Value £1,643.

1	15	BARNEY COOL (40) (BF) D Pipe 4 11 9 .....T Scudamore
2	00/0-	AL SIRAT (588) M Appleby 5 11 2 .....R Flint
3	22	BE ALL MAN (IRE) (15) Miss S West 4 11 2 .....L Aspell
4	0	DINNER GUEST (20) G Baker 5 11 2 .....T Whelan (7)
5	5	FEARLESS LEADER (24) I Williams 4 11 2 .....H Skelton
6	0-6	GENEROUS KENNY (209) A Carroll 5 11 2 .....L Edwards (3)
7	0	HENTZAU (USA) (220) P G Murphy 4 11 2 .....C Bolger
8	0-	JOHN'S OSCAR (IRE) (247) A Price 4 11 2 ....W Hutchinson
9		LET'S BE FAMOUS (IRE) Miss N L-Beavis 4 11 2 ..D Bass (3)
10		NO DUFFER H Daly 4 11 2 .....J Greenall (5)
11	0	OHMS LAW (190) A Day 6 11 2 .....T Messenger
12	2U-2	OPENING BATSMAN (IRE) (24) P Nicholls 5 11 2 ....D Jacob
13	3-4	RAILWAY RICO (IRE) (100) P Rich 6 11 2 .....R Thornton
14	F1	RIVER EXIT (IRE) (64) Mrs A Barclay 4 11 2W Twiston-Davies (7)
15		SHADDAI (FR) Mrs C Keevil 5 11 2 .....P Moloney
16	1-2	TALKONTHESTREET (IRE) (42) P Hobbs 4 11 2 ...R Johnson
17		TRIOMPHAL (FR) D Bridgwater 4 11 2 .....S Twiston-Davies
18		LADY HANNAH S Lycett 6 10 9 .....Peter Carberry (5)
19		MARTIN'S SHADOW J Fox 5 10 9 .....H Frost

BETTING: 9-4 Opening Batsman, 4-1 Be All Man, 9-2 Talkonthestreet, 8-1 Barney Cool, Railway Rico, 12-1 No Duffer, 16-1 River Exit, Fearless Leader, 25-1 others.

DAILY ECHO AND PINK – BEST FOR SPORT

Adam Rant

This week's big talking points with **Adam Leitch**

Kean could have done with a Carling Cup final

STEVE Kean created a problem for himself this week – as if he needs any more – with his choice of words after Blackburn's Carling Cup defeat to Cardiff.

The already under fire Rovers boss chose to, inadvisably, use the word 'forfeited' in a post-match interview.

Being generous, you got what he meant.

Blackburn's top priority is staying up and not winning the Carling Cup.

He had five players carrying knocks from their league fixtures and, with a run of games coming up against teams around them, decided not to risk them in a cup match.

That is fairly normal fare for the Premier League these days, even if you are not in Europe. Even the kit man's birthday party seems to take precedence over the Carling Cup.

But 'forfeited' was not a great choice of language.

You might like to think that was not what he meant, that Blackburn didn't effectively give up the tie so as to rid themselves of the burden – as Kean might see it anyway – of a potential Wembley final.

It either goes to show that, in this day of media scrutiny, you have to go so careful over the words you use.

If Kean merely used a word he didn't mean, then you have sympathy.

He probably did around ten post-match interviews after a game like that, trying to trot out the same answers to the same questions time and again and perhaps a slip of the tongue has landed him in trouble.

Much more worrying is, if he meant it.

Adam Rant cannot believe he would ever have sent a side out to forfeit a game.

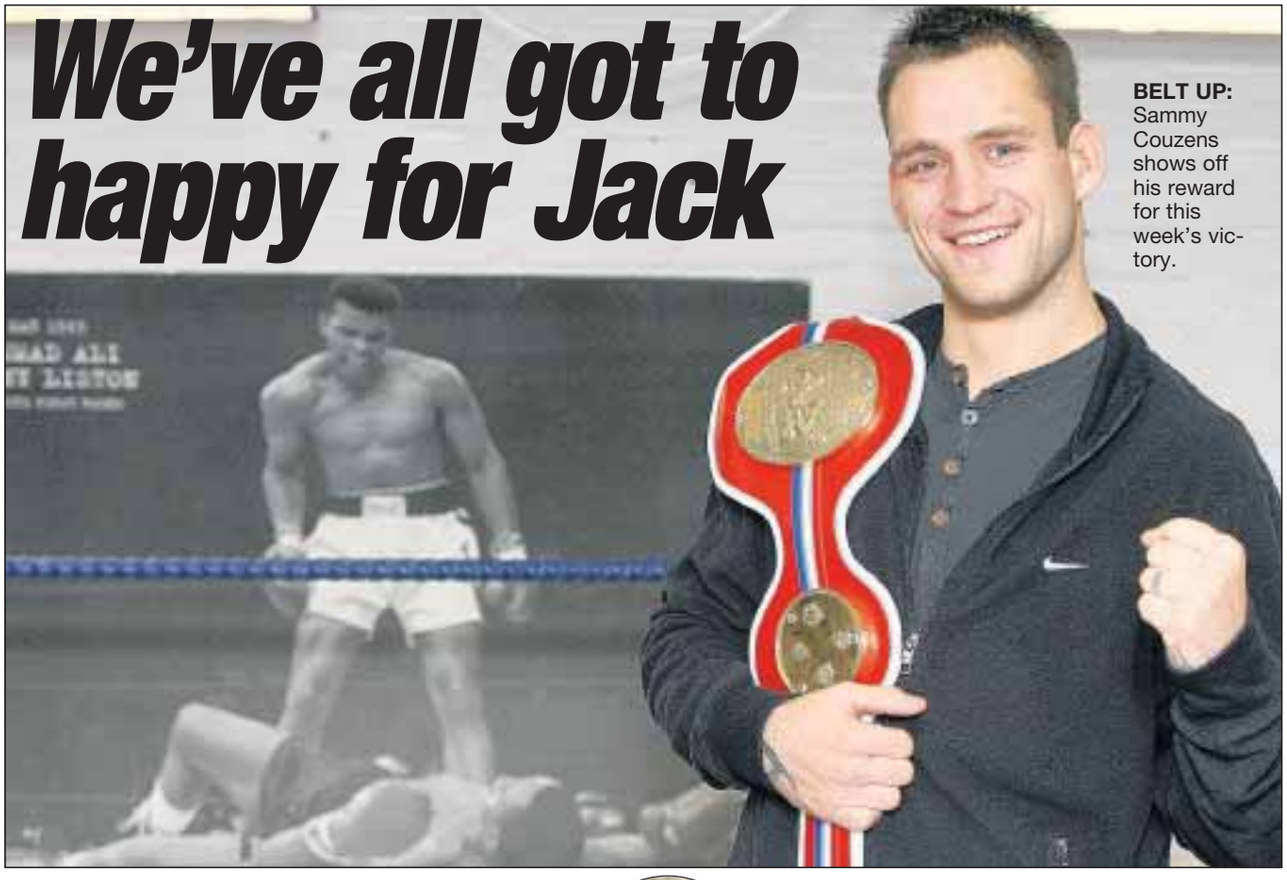
But the attitude that a man who surely needs every win going, not only for his own sake but also to try and get the fans back on board, might consider losing at this stage of a cup to a lower league team an acceptable result because of their circumstances is surely madness.

Kean does seem to have the support of the owners of the club, who seem to reward each stumble with a new gesture of solidarity.

In some way it's refreshing to see – they believe in their man and they are sticking by him.

But you cannot help but feel the writing is on the wall for him if he cannot see why a potential cup final, and they were only a couple of games away from it, would not have been good for him and his side, even amidst the battle for Premier League survival.

We've all got to happy for Jack



BELT UP: Sammy Couzens shows off his reward for this week's victory.

There are some stories you cover as a sport journalist that just make you smile because you are happy for the success of the people involved.

Adam Rant has to confess that this is not normally high level football.

Alright, there might be a nice guy done well you are happy for, a Kelvin Davis, Rickie Lambert, Dean Hammond etc.

But, as a general rule, the attitude to sportsmen at that level is that they are very well paid professionals and get their rewards anyway in the form of a bulging bank account and plenty of love from the stands of whichever team they happen to be playing for that season.

Much more pleasing, though, is when somebody who does something either for nothing or next to nothing achieves.

Being a boxing fan, Adam Rant was delighted for Jack Bishop, left, to net his tenth champion in the shape of Sammy Couzens earlier this week.

Bishop is now approaching 90, had a recent battle with ill health and yet is still in his Southampton gym several nights a week working hard for his boxers.

It's an inspirational story.

Another belt, and a win for Colin Kenna recently as well, has made Bishop a very happy man.

It would take a very hard person not to be delighted for him.

Girls go missing

THE BBC Sports Personality of the Year awards shortlist was announced this week and was controversial for the lack of a single woman on it.

For Adam Rant's money, Chrissie Wellington should have made it for her amazing achievements in the Ironman events.

And Rebecca Adlington can count herself unfortunate not to have made the list.

Of those on the list, Mark Cavendish, Darren Clarke, Alastair Cook, Mo Farah, Dai Greene, Rory McIlroy and Andrew Strauss were hard to argue with. In terms of who might have made way, maybe Amir Khan and Andy Murray.

In fairness, that is eight of ten that were probably quite correct.

Nobody wants tokenism in sport, and the argument of one particular female sports star that the judging panel should be made up of former sports people is the worst argument of all.

If there's one group of people who you wouldn't trust to get it right, it's them.

Let's be sensible

THE death of Gary Speed was not only untimely but hugely shocking.

For such a young and apparently happy and successful man to take his own life, and so shortly after appearing on TV screens everywhere and seeming so full of life and enthusiastic about the future, made it doubly hard to work out.

There has been an outpouring of grief, all very understandable because of the collective shock factor. But, without wishing to sound too uncaring, calls for him to be awarded coach of the year awards or other such accolades is a nonsense.

It's a very sad end for a man who seemed to be a genuinely nice guy and perhaps someday it will make a little more sense.

However, as a nation we can get far too carried away with our collective grief, as in the death of Princess Diana.

Cup fever

WHAT'S that smell in the air?

Why, it's the magic of the FA Cup. What a marvellous story for AFC Totton, playing at home to Bristol Rovers on Sunday.

Matches like this continue to make the competition so special – the dreams of an upset, the fantasies over the next round.

That kind of dream world is a mile away from the drudgery that can be a slog of a league campaign – though, in fairness, Totton have been making short, and happy, work of them in recent years too.

The whole area is hoping they get through, and get an even bigger tie next up.

Scare are they now

NOMANSLAND U15s, March 1995. Pictured, back row from left, David Hatch, James McEwing, David Way, Russell Browning, Wayne Hull, Daniel Hull, Ricky Hull (manager). Front: Mark Hammond, Jon Blanchard, Dale Parry, Richard Way, Simon Parker. Order no: 13549948

MANSEL A U15s, May 1995. Pictured, back row from left, Owen Grant, Philip Proudly, Daly Croft, Andrew Reading, Ben Sams, Adie Coles. Front: Johnny Cheyne, Steven Vaughan, Julian Wilson, Ben Bartlett, Danny Veal. Order no: 13549978

WORTHIES UNDER 11, April 1995. Pictured, back row from left, Richard Gilbert, Jeremy Way, Oliver Rose, Gary Morris, Nick Shelswell, Tom Wild, Robert Fox, Nick Lewis. Front: Neil Whitlock, Ben Sarfas, Thomas Gulliver, Patrick Lincoln, Chris Hall, Adam Tate. Order no: 13550358

AFC SOLENT UNDER 10, July 1995. Pictured, back row from left, Andrew Simmons (assistant manager), Paul Fulford, Nick Hillier, Lee Edwards, Sean Simmons, David Hindle, Paul Tulip. Front: James Berry, Steven Bell, Chris Jerram, Luke Crossland, Nick Diver, Gavin Harcourt. Order no: 13550373

BROOKHILL, February 1995. Pictured, back row from left, Stuart Laxton, Alex Farmer, Darren Cross, Scott Leach, George Pearce, Nick Tamblyn, Paul Saunders. Front: Wayne Woodford, Sean Bridle, Ian Mould, Ashley Drewery, Martin Wiseman, Daniel Spiby, Michael Doswell. Order no: 13550400

MILLBROOK LIONS, May 1995. Pictured, back row from left, Wayne Rider, Peter Parker, Stephen Chalk, Franny Biddleston, Luke Wilson, Anthony Grace, Jimmy Vaughan, John Frizell (manager). Front: Tommy Maunders, Lee Saunders, Joe Mills, Stuart Frizell, Billy Hunt, Glynn Castle, Darren Greenough. Order no: 13550424

LANGLEY MANOR U15s, November 1995. Pictured, back row from left, Jamie Reed, Matthew Coppen, Lee Dear, Alex Rowsell, Andrew Dawkins, Chris Lalley. Front: Dean Mabey, Andrew Matthews, Alastair Marchment, Daniel Jones, Stuart Scott. Order no: 13550442

ITCHEN SAINTS, January 1195. Pictured, back row from left, Robert Smith, Jason Griffiths, Neil Waddington, James Ash, Gareth Davies, Paul Crowder. Front: Gary Martin, Lawrence Ridd, Mark Reed, Ryan Ward, Sam Keites, Paul Baiston. Order no: 13552297

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Scare are they now

HEDGE END RANGERS, February 1995. Pictured, back row from left, Colin Helps (manager), Carl Winch, David Helps, Alan Daly, Lee Westbrook, Anthony Donnelly, Carl Fricker, Mark Burley (assistant manager). Front: Tim Langley, Adan Curnow, Paul Parnell, David Burney, Alex Tempest, Danyal Shaw, Billy Harrow. Order no: 13552299

TADBURN UNDER-14S, March 1996. Pictured, back row from left, Steven Johnson, Michael Williams, Steven Thornton, George Cooper, Alex Hodge. Front: Ben Meehan, Ben Mead, Gareth Little, Jonathan Cook, Nick Geddes, Philip Hunt, Stephen McNamara. Order no: 13552282

TESTWOOD UNITED UNDER 10, April 1995. Pictured, back row from left, Robert Harvey, Kurtis Batty, Stevie Hunt, Alex Clarke, Paul Wiltshire, Lee Street, Matthew Watson. Front: Lucas McCall, Thomas Glasspool, Matthew Storer, Philip Walsh, Paul Crabtree, Richard Way. Order no: 13552284

WYVERN UNDER 11, January 1994. Pictured, back row from left, Mark Brown, Jamie Austen, Danny Brett, Luke Bowyer, Tom Johnson, Darren Alford, Gary Simpson. Front: Sam Dixon, Scott Lindley, Richard Simmons, Chris Brown, Alex Stanford, Aaron World, Joe Lowensten. Order no: 13552286

ERI B, November 1995. Pictured, back row from left, Ben Blackburn, Oliver Crook, Stuart Clark, James Little, Matthew Saunders, Tom Farmer, Christopher Smirk. Front: Callum Rydan, Aaron Richardson, James English, Graham Betteridge. Order no: 13552288

MANSBRIDGE U13, March 1995. Pictured, back row from left, Derek Brewster (manager), Martin Daly, Gareth Lakeman, Robert Clothier, Steve Cain, Joe Lucas, Tim Bates, John Parker. Front: Sean Wilkinson, Darren Totterdell, Glen House, Marc Calloway, David Nicholson, Glen Maidment, Daniel Smith, Kevin Brewster. Order no: 13552291

MANSBRIDGE UNDER 10, March 1995. Pictured, back row from left, Adam Cutler, Neil Martin, Sean Dhanda, Barry Mason, Maurice Stuart, Daniel Rastrick. Front: Tom Horsham, Terry Sims, Joe Richmond, Sam Wyeth, James Barton, Michael Edmonds. Order no: 13552295

MANSBRIDGE U12, April 1995. Pictured, back row from left, Aaron Shears, Chris Hall, Dave Wheeler, Dave Porter, Darryl Sims, Daniel Ferris. Front: Ben James, Ben Crook, Josh Griffiths, Craig Mew, Gary Smith. Order no: 13552296

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2. REVISED CONSTITUTION
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A. Villa L **Man Utd** L
HT L-L

Blackburn 4 **Swansea** 2
Yakubu 20,45,57,82 pen
Lita 35
Moore 66
HT 2-1 Att 23,080

Man City 5 **Norwich** 1
Aguero 32
Nasri 51
Toure Yaya 68
Balotelli 88
Johnson 90
Morison 81
HT 1-0 Att 47,201

Newcastle 0 **Chelsea** 3
Drogba 38
Kalou 89
Sturridge 90
HT 0-1 Att 52,305

Q.P.R. 1 **W.B.A.** 1
Helguson 20
Long 81
HT 1-0 Att 17,290

Spurs 3 **Bolton** 0
Bale 7
Lennon 50
Defoe 60
HT 1-0 Att 35,896

Wigan 0 **Arsenal** 4
Arteta 28
Vermaelen 29
Gervinho 61
van Persie 78
HT 0-2 Att 19,280

		HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Man City	14	7	0	0	24	4	5	2	0	24	9	38
Spurs	13	5	0	1	15	7	5	1	1	14	9	31
Man Utd	13	5	1	1	19	10	4	2	0	11	3	30
Chelsea	14	5	0	2	19	11	4	1	2	12	6	28
Arsenal	14	5	1	1	13	5	3	1	3	17	18	26
Newcastle	14	4	2	1	10	8	3	3	1	9	7	26
Liverpool	13	2	5	0	9	6	4	0	2	8	6	23
A. Villa	13	3	2	1	10	6	0	5	2	6	11	16
Everton	12	2	1	3	7	8	3	0	3	8	8	16
Norwich	14	3	2	2	12	10	1	2	4	8	16	16
Q.P.R.	14	1	4	2	6	10	3	0	4	9	15	16
W.B.A.	14	2	1	4	6	9	2	2	3	7	12	15
Stoke	13	3	2	2	10	8	1	1	4	3	15	15
Swansea	14	3	3	1	8	2	0	2	5	6	18	14
Fulham	13	1	3	2	11	9	1	3	3	4	7	12
Sunderlnd	13	1	3	3	10	9	1	2	3	5	6	11
Wolves	13	2	1	3	8	10	1	1	5	5	13	11
Blackburn	14	2	0	5	10	15	0	4	3	11	17	10
Bolton	14	1	0	6	9	19	2	0	5	10	15	9
Wigan	14	1	2	4	8	15	1	1	5	4	13	9

npower Championship

Blackpool 1 **Reading** 0
McManaman 55
HT 0-0 Att 11,656

Brighton 1 **Nottm For** 0
Buckley 90
HT 0-0 Att 2,385

Bristol C L **Middlesbro** L
HT L-L

Doncaster 1 **SAINTS** 0
Sharp 60
HT 0-0

Hull 2 **Leicester** 1
Fryatt 30 pen
Konchesky 41
Koren 88
HT 1-1 Att 20,148

Ipswich 1 **Watford** 2
Andrews 45
Sordell 70 pen
Deeney 74
HT 1-0 Att 16,262

Leeds Utd 2 **Millwall** 0
Snodgrass 62,65
HT 0-0 Att 27,161

Peterboro 3 **Barnsley** 4
Boyd 64
O Brien 17
Bennett 68
Butterfield 45
Frecklington 70
Vaz Te 55
Davies 78
HT 0-2 Att 8,320

POMPEY 2 **Coventry** 1
Halford 20 pen
Jutkiewicz 54
Ward 59
HT 1-0 Att 12,236

West Ham 1 **Burnley** 2
Nolan 52
McCann 57
Vokes 75
HT 0-0 Att 26,274

		HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
SAINTS	**20**	**10**	**0**	**0**	**26**	**6**	**3**	**3**	**4**	**16**	**15**	**42**
West Ham	20	5	2	3	18	12	7	2	1	18	5	40
Cardiff	19	6	2	1	18	10	3	5	2	15	12	34
Leeds Utd	20	5	2	3	15	14	5	2	3	20	14	34
Middlesbro	19	3	6	1	12	9	5	2	2	11	8	32
Brighton	20	5	3	2	15	11	4	2	4	8	10	32
Blackpool	20	6	2	2	17	8	2	4	4	14	17	30
Hull	19	5	0	4	11	11	4	3	3	10	10	30
Leicester	20	6	0	4	16	10	2	5	3	11	12	29
Burnley	20	3	3	4	18	14	5	0	5	13	16	27
Reading	20	3	4	3	13	13	4	2	4	10	9	27
Crystal P	19	3	6	1	9	6	4	0	5	10	12	27
Barnsley	19	4	2	3	12	9	3	4	3	13	16	27
Birminghm	16	5	3	0	11	3	2	2	4	12	15	26
Derby Cty	20	4	2	4	14	12	3	2	5	10	18	25
Peterboro	20	5	1	4	25	19	2	2	6	14	19	24
Watford	20	4	2	4	12	15	2	4	4	9	14	24
POMPEY	**19**	**6**	**2**	**2**	**16**	**8**	**0**	**3**	**6**	**6**	**14**	**23**
Millwall	20	4	4	2	16	9	1	3	6	7	15	22
Bristol C	19	2	2	5	9	13	3	3	4	11	17	20
Ipswich	19	4	0	6	16	17	2	2	5	10	22	20
Nottm For	20	3	2	5	11	18	3	0	7	7	17	20
Doncaster	20	2	4	4	6	11	2	0	8	10	22	16
Coventry	20	2	4	4	11	13	0	3	7	6	18	13

FA Cup Second Round

Barnet 1 **M K Dons** 3
McLeod 87
Potter 39
MacDonald 78
Powell 88
HT 0-1 Att 2,608

Bradford 3 **AFC Wimbledon** 1
Hannah 9
Midson 50
Bush 14 og
Fagan 70 pen
HT 2-0 Att 3,432

Brentford 0 **Wrexham** 1
Tolley 33
HT 0-1 Att 3,452

Charlton 2 **Carlisle** 0
Morrison 64
Euell 90
HT 0-0 Att 7,461

Chelmsford 1 **Macclesfld** 1
Cornhill 35
Diagne 64
HT 1-0

Colchester 0 **Swindon** 1
Ritchie 59
HT 0-0 Att 3,035

Crawley 5 **Redbridge** 0
Tubbs 31 pen,36,79 pen
Drury 83
McFadzean 90
HT 2-0 Att 2,494

Dagenham 1 **Walsall** 1
Nurse 81
Gnakpa 76
HT 0-0 Att 1,237

Gateshead 1 **Tamworth** 2
Fisher 62
Francis 29
Patterson 90
HT 0-1 Att 1,163

Leyton O 0 **Gillingham** 1
Weston 45
HT 0-1 Att 3,763

Luton 2 **Cheltnham** 4
O Connor 40,51
Duffy 2
Pack 45
Summerfield 64
Penn 90
HT 1-2 Att 4,516

SALISBURY 0 **Grimsby** 0
HT 0-0 Att 2,161

Sheff Utd 3 **Torquay** 2
Ellis 68 og
Howe 3
Evans 69,78
Stevens 90
HT 0-1 Att 10,105

Sheff Wed 1 **Aldershot** 0
Lowe 49
HT 0-0 Att 10,162

Shrewsbry 2 **Rotherham** 1
Sharps 48
Grabban 42 pen
Wroe 83 pen
HT 0-1 Att 4,048

Southend L **Oldham** L
Hall 67
Wesolowski 39
HT 0-1 Att 4,613

Stourbrdge 0 **Stevenage** 3
Beardsley 65,77
Shroot 90
HT 0-0 Att 3,067

npower League One

		HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Charlton	19	6	3	0	23	7	8	1	1	19	7	46
Sheff Wed	19	8	1	0	19	5	4	2	4	15	19	39
Huddersfld	19	6	3	0	19	9	4	5	1	18	8	38
M K Dons	19	5	5	0	23	12	5	1	3	16	9	36
Sheff Utd	19	6	2	2	21	14	4	3	2	12	8	35
Notts Cnty	19	6	2	1	19	10	3	2	5	15	17	31
Brentford	19	3	2	5	11	13	5	3	1	11	7	29
Carlisle	19	4	2	3	14	16	4	3	3	11	12	29
Stevenage	19	4	4	2	15	10	3	3	3	9	8	28
Bury	19	3	2	4	11	13	5	1	4	14	14	27
Tranmere	19	4	4	2	9	6	3	1	5	11	15	26
Oldham	19	4	2	3	13	11	3	3	4	14	18	26
Hartlepool	19	2	2	6	7	13	5	3	1	17	13	26
Preston	19	4	1	4	17	19	4	1	5	15	17	26
Colchester	19	3	4	2	15	15	2	4	4	11	15	23
CHERRIES	**19**	**2**	**2**	**5**	**8**	**13**	**4**	**3**	**3**	**14**	**13**	**23**
Exeter	19	4	2	4	12	13	1	3	5	8	17	20
Leyton O	19	2	3	5	9	15	2	4	3	10	14	19
Scunthorpe	19	2	4	3	14	15	1	5	4	11	15	18
Rochdale	19	2	4	4	12	16	2	1	6	10	19	17
Walsall	19	2	3	5	9	14	1	4	4	9	11	16
Yeovil	19	2	2	6	11	17	1	5	3	10	13	16
Wycombe	19	1	2	6	8	14	2	2	6	12	18	13
Chesterfld	19	2	3	5	11	14	1	1	7	12	23	13

npower League Two

		HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Southend	19	6	3	1	17	7	7	0	2	20	11	42
Crawley	19	8	1	1	24	9	5	2	2	16	16	42
Cheltnham	19	6	1	2	13	6	6	1	3	16	12	38
Shrewsbry	19	7	2	0	16	5	4	2	4	16	14	37
Burton Albion	19	6	3	1	15	10	4	2	3	17	16	35
Swindon	19	6	2	1	20	7	4	1	5	10	9	33
Gillingham	19	5	3	1	14	7	4	1	5	19	18	31
Morecambe	19	3	2	4	18	13	5	4	1	17	8	30
Oxford Utd	19	4	4	1	18	10	4	1	5	10	13	29
Torquay	19	4	4	2	23	17	3	3	3	8	9	28
Rotherham	19	4	2	3	13	11	3	4	3	21	22	27
Port Vale	19	4	2	4	18	17	3	3	3	14	11	26
AFC W'bledon	19	3	3	4	18	21	4	2	3	11	14	26
Macclesfld	19	4	4	2	13	7	3	0	6	8	13	25
Crewe	19	3	1	5	11	14	5	0	5	11	13	25
Aldershot	19	3	1	5	9	9	4	1	5	14	15	23
Acc Stanley	19	5	1	4	13	12	0	7	2	7	11	23
Bristol R	19	4	1	5	12	14	2	3	4	12	18	22
Barnet	19	3	2	5	13	20	2	2	5	11	18	19
Hereford	19	3	1	6	8	20	1	4	4	8	12	17
Northmptn	19	1	3	5	8	18	3	1	6	15	21	16
Bradford	19	3	1	5	13	14	0	5	5	7	14	15
Dagenham	19	2	1	7	11	20	2	0	7	6	16	13
Plymouth	19	2	2	5	10	14	1	1	8	8	24	12

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Hearts 1 **St Johnstn** 2
Taouil 86
Craig 3
Maybury 79 pen
HT 0-1 Att 12,815

Kilmarnock 2 **Aberdeen** 0
Harkins 5
Dayton 65
HT 1-0 Att 4,367

Rangers 2 **Dunfrmline** 1
Keddie 22 og
Cardle 31
Jelavic 29 pen
HT 2-1 Att 47,305

St Mirren 1 **Inverness CT** 2
Thompson 45
A Shinnie 11
Hayes 69
HT 1-1 Att 3,675

		HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Rangers	17	6	3	0	16	6	7	0	1	16	2	42
Celtic	16	6	1	1	20	4	5	1	2	14	10	35
Motherwell	16	3	2	3	6	8	6	1	1	14	10	30
St Johnstn	16	3	1	3	10	8	4	4	1	10	5	26
Hearts	17	5	0	4	12	7	1	4	3	4	6	22
Kilmarnock	17	4	3	2	17	14	1	4	3	6	11	22
St Mirren	17	3	2	4	9	9	2	3	3	6	12	20
Dundee Utd	16	2	3	3	7	8	2	3	3	14	18	18
Inverness CT	17	2	2	4	8	12	2	1	6	14	21	15
Hibernian	16	1	3	4	8	12	2	2	4	8	14	14
Dunfrmline	17	0	4	4	11	22	3	1	5	9	14	14
Aberdeen	16	3	2	3	13	9	0	2	6	4	14	13

Scottish Division One

Falkirk 1 **Morton** 0
El Alagui 58
HT 0-0 Att 3,114

Hamilton 1 **Dundee** 6
Imrie 86
Milne 21,37,49
O Donnell 39
Riley 71
Rae 83
HT 0-3 Att 1,964

Leeds United's Robert Snodgrass celebrates scoring the second goal against Millwall during the npower Championship match at Elland Road, Leeds.

Partick 2 **Livingston** 1
Balatoni 26
Deuchar 45
Deuchar 33 og
HT 2-1 Att 2,026

Queen Sth 4 **Ayr Utd** 1
McKenna 31
Wardlaw 45
McLaughlin 71 pen
Carmichael 72
Simmons 89
HT 1-1 Att 1,478

Ross Cnty 4 **Raith** 2
Quinn 28
A Walker 12,36
McMenamin 45,62
Gardyne 81
HT 2-2 Att 2,698

		HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Ross Cnty	15	5	3	0	17	6	5	1	1	11	7	34
Falkirk	15	6	1	0	13	6	1	3	4	11	16	25
Dundee	15	2	1	4	7	8	5	1	2	16	9	23
Partick	15	4	2	2	16	7	1	3	3	5	8	20
Livingston	15	3	4	1	12	11	1	3	3	9	10	19
Morton	15	3	1	3	12	12	2	3	3	5	12	19
Hamilton	15	2	2	3	14	15	3	1	4	8	8	18
Queen Sth	15	3	2	2	10	7	1	2	5	8	13	16
Ayr Utd	15	2	3	3	7	9	2	1	4	7	19	16
Raith	15	3	1	4	7	8	1	2	4	9	13	15

Scottish Division Two

Albion R 3 **Cowdenbth** 3
Love 2
Ramsay 16
Lawless 64,72
Robertson 67
Stewart 81
HT 1-1 Att 207

Arbroath 1 **Brechin** 1
Falkingham 63
McManus 90
HT 0-0 Att 1,104

Dumbarton 1 **Forfar** 1
Walker 16
Motion 90
HT 1-0 Att 443

East Fife 1 **Stenhsmuir** 3
Linn 80
Kean 15
Rodgers 48
Quinn 90
HT 0-1 Att 508

Stirling A 1 **Airdrie Utd** 4
Bonar 45
Donnelly 13,58
Lovering 29 pen
McLaren 49
HT 1-2 Att 711

		HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Cowdenbth	15	6	1	0	15	5	3	3	2	19	12	31
Arbroath	15	6	2	0	23	10	3	2	2	12	12	31
Stenhsmuir	15	6	1	0	18	4	2	2	4	11	16	27
Dumbarton	15	2	2	3	11	16	3	2	3	16	13	19
East Fife	15	3	1	3	10	16	3	0	5	11	13	19
Albion R	15	3	2	2	14	11	2	1	5	12	20	18
Airdrie Utd	15	3	3	2	22	18	1	2	4	11	18	17
Brechin	15	2	2	4	10	14	1	4	2	6	8	15
Forfar	14	1	3	3	8	12	2	2	3	14	15	14
Stirling A	14	2	2	4	9	14	1	1	4	8	13	12

Scottish Division Three

Berwick 0 **Clyde** 2
Sweeney 25 pen
Cusack 86
HT 0-1 Att 410

E Stirling 1 **Annan Athletic** 0
Coyne 39
HT 1-0 Att 215

Elgin 1 **Stranraer** 1
Millar 9
Stirling 63
HT 1-0 Att 520

Montrose 1 **Alloa** 1
Johnston 15
Gordon 79
HT 1-0 Att 313

Queens Park 1 **Peterhead** 1
Murray 82
McAllister 48
HT 0-0 Att 431

		HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Annan Ath	13	5	1	0	14	3	3	2	2	9	9	27
Alloa	14	3	3	0	11	7	4	2	2	10	12	26
Elgin	13	5	1	1	17	6	1	3	2	6	8	22
Stranraer	13	3	2	2	15	13	3	1	2	13	6	21
Berwick	14	3	1	3	10	9	3	2	2	16	13	21
Clyde	13	3	1	3	11	8	2	3	1	7	3	19
Queens Park	13	2	3	1	8	6	3	1	3	11	13	19
Montrose	14	3	1	3	13	17	1	1	5	10	17	14
E Stirling	14	2	1	5	6	13	0	1	5	5	19	8
Peterhead	13	0	3	3	6	11	1	1	5	6	11	7

Blue Square Bet Premier

Barrow 1 **Ebbsfleet United** 1
Cook 6
Enver-Marum 87
HT 1-0 Att 1,047

Bath City 3 **AFC Telford** 1
Murray 26
Jones 45
Canham 55 pen
Bryan 83
HT 1-1 Att 761

Darlington 0 **Forest Grn** 0
HT 0-0 Att 1,693

Mansfield 4 **Braintree Town** 1
Dempster 24
Wright 8
Green 49,67
Meikle 60
HT 1-1 Att 1,790

Newport County 1 **Lincoln City** 0
Yakubu 24
HT 1-0 Att 1,270

Southport 2 **Alfreton Town** 1
Guthrie 71
Quinn 63
Gray 72
HT 0-0 Att 1,061

York 7 **Kettering** 0
Reed 6,12
Challinor 30
Blair 45
McLaughlin 50
Chambers 65
Ashikodi 77
HT 4-0 Att 2,899

		HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Wrexham	22	7	2	2	18	8	7	3	1	19	7	47
Fleetwood Tn	22	6	4	1	21	11	8	1	2	24	16	47
Southport	23	5	4	3	16	19	8	1	2	22	15	44
York	23	7	3	2	28	10	5	4	2	21	12	43
Cambridge	22	6	4	1	18	8	4	5	2	13	11	39
Luton	22	6	2	3	24	10	4	6	1	14	12	38
Gateshead	22	4	5	2	18	15	6	2	3	18	18	37
Mansfield	22	5	4	3	23	16	4	5	1	13	10	36
Kiddrmnstr	22	4	5	2	21	16	6	1	4	19	17	36
Forest Grn	23	3	4	4	15	13	5	6	1	20	9	34
Barrow	23	7	3	2	22	11	3	1	7	13	23	34
Tamworth	21	6	3	1	16	8	3	3	5	10	15	33
Darlington	23	6	3	3	12	9	3	2	6	13	19	32
Braintree Tn	23	5	3	3	21	16	4	1	7	20	25	31
Grimsby	22	6	1	4	28	16	2	3	6	9	19	28
Ebbsfleet Utd	24	3	4	5	19	20	3	5	4	14	17	27
AFC Telford	23	4	3	4	10	12	1	5	6	14	20	23
Newport Cnty	23	3	3	6	13	15	2	4	5	15	18	22
Lincoln City	23	4	3	4	13	12	2	1	9	8	21	22
Kettering	23	2	2	7	16	26	3	3	6	10	23	20
Stockport	23	2	3	6	14	18	1	7	4	12	23	19
Hayes & Yead	22	3	2	6	15	22	1	3	7	15	26	17
Alfreton Tn	23	2	4	5	13	25	1	1	10	10	28	14
Bath City	23	2	3	7	13	19	0	4	7	9	23	13

Blue Square Bet South

Bromley 1 **Eastbourne Borough** 3
Dartford 3 **Dover** 1
Farnboro 2 **Truro City** 1
Havant and W. 1 **Weston-S-Mare** 1
Maidenhead Utd 0 **Dorchester** 1
Thurrock 1 **Staines Town** 2
Tonbridge Angels 1 **Welling U.** 1
Woking 1 **EASTLEIGH** 0

Grey panels indicate High-scoring games

POOLS CHECK

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49
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	L	1	L	2	1	1	1	1	1	L	2	2	L	L	2	3●	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	L	1	1	2	1	3●	2	1	1	3●	3●	3●	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2

Local non-league results

FA CUP – second round:
Sheffield Wed 1 Aldershot 0
Salisbury 0 Grimsby 0

FA VASE – third round proper:
Reading Town 1 Cowes Sports 0
Bitton 3 Christchurch 0
Bournemouth 2 Barnstaple Town 0
Bemerton HH 0 Shortwood Utd 4

BLUE SQUARE BET SOUTH
Bromley 1 Eastbourne Borough 3
Dartford 3 Dover 1
Farnborough 2 Truro City 1
Havant & Waterlooville 1 Weston-super-Mare 1
Maidenhead Utd 0 Dorchester 1
Thurrock 1 Staines Town 2
Tonbridge Angels 1 Welling 1
Woking 1 Eastleigh 0

EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE
Premier Division:
Arlesey 0 Frome Town 1
Banbury 4 Bashley 0
Bedford Town 5 Brackley 2
Chesham 1 Chippenham 2
Hemel Hempstead 0 Redditch 2
Oxford City 0 Cirencester 0
St Albans 1 Barwell 6
Weymouth 2 Leamington 1
Division One South & West:
Bideford pp Gosport Borough
Bridgewater Town 3 Paulton Rovers 1
Cinderford Town 1 Abingdon Utd 2
Clevedon Town 1 Thatcham Town 2
Hungerford Town 2 Halesowen Town 0
Mangotsfield Utd 4 Taunton Town 0
North Leigh 1 Yate Town 4
Poole Town 4 Bishops Cleeve 1
Sholing 3 Tiverton Town 1

SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE
Premier Division:
Alresford Town pp Romsey Town
Blackfield & Langley 1 Brading Town 0
Fareham Town 1 Downton 2
Horndean 2 Totton & Eling 2
Laverstock & Ford 2 Alton Town 3
Lymington Town 1 New Milton 5
Newport IoW 1 Hamworthy Utd 0
Winchester City 5 Moneyfields 2
Division One:
Amesbury Town 2 AFC Portchester 8
East Cowes Vics 0 Stockbridge 0
Fleet Spurs 1 Brockenhurst 1
Hythe & Dibden 1 Verwood Town 5
Petersfield Town 5 Andover New Street 1
Tadley Calleva 1 Warminster town 7
Team Solent 3 Ringwood Town 0
Whitchurch Utd 1 US Portsmouth 2
HANTS INTERMEDIATE CUP – third round:
Baffins Mitton Rovers 2 Sporting BW 0
Bosuns Chair 4 Broughton 0
Bournemouth Sports 5 Alton Athletic 4
Colden Common pp Fleetlands
Infinity pp Paulsgrove
Liphook Utd 5 Horndean Utd 1
Liss Athletic 0 Moneyfields Res 3
Mudeford Mens 2 Locks Heath 4
Northwood St John 7 Nursling 0
Portcastrians 4 Comrades 0
PUMA ENGINEERING HANTS PREM LEAGUE
Senior Division:
AFC Aldermaston 2 Clanfield 1
AFC Stoneham 4 Overton Utd 0
Hamble Club 1 Winchester Castle 1
Otterbourne 1 Uni of Portsmouth 3
QK Southampton 2 Hedge End Rangers 0
Combination Division:
Clanfield Res 2 Liss Athletic Res 4
Fleetlands Res 4 AFC Aldermaston Res 1
Locks Heath Res 4 Colden Common Res 0
Overton Utd Res 4 Hamble Club Res 1
Paulsgrove Res 2 Liphook Utd Res 0
Sporting BW Res pp AFC Stoneham Res
Winchester Castle Res 2 Otterbourne Res 1

WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE
Premier Division:
Christchurch pp Bemerton HH
Gosport Borough pp Newport IoW
Wimborne Town 4 Fleet Town 1
Division One West:
Brockenhurst 0 Laverstock & Ford 1
Downton 1 Lymington Town 6
Romsey Town pp East Cowes Vics
Totton & Eling pp Hythe & Dibden
Verwood Town 2 Fawley AFC 1
Division One East:
Alton Town 2 Tadley Calleva 0
GE Hamble 2 Horndean 2
Hayling Utd 5 Alresford Town 4

MAGNATA CARE HAMPSHIRE LEAGUE
Botley Village 4 Portsmouth RN 0
Durley 5 Mottisfont 1
Michelmersh & Timsbury 1 Crusaders 1

TROPHYMAN CUP – first round:
Fair Oak 4 Andover Lions 0
Upham 3 Four Marks 0

DREW SMITH SOUTHAMPTON LEAGUE
Senior Premier:
AFC Hiltingbury 2 Southampton Uni 1
Bush Hill 1 Forest Town 3
Cutbush Athletic 4 BTC Soton 3
London Airways 0 Bishopstoke WMC 2
Senior One:
Lyndhurst 0 Cadnam Utd 2
Thornhill HK 6 Hedge end Town 1

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